



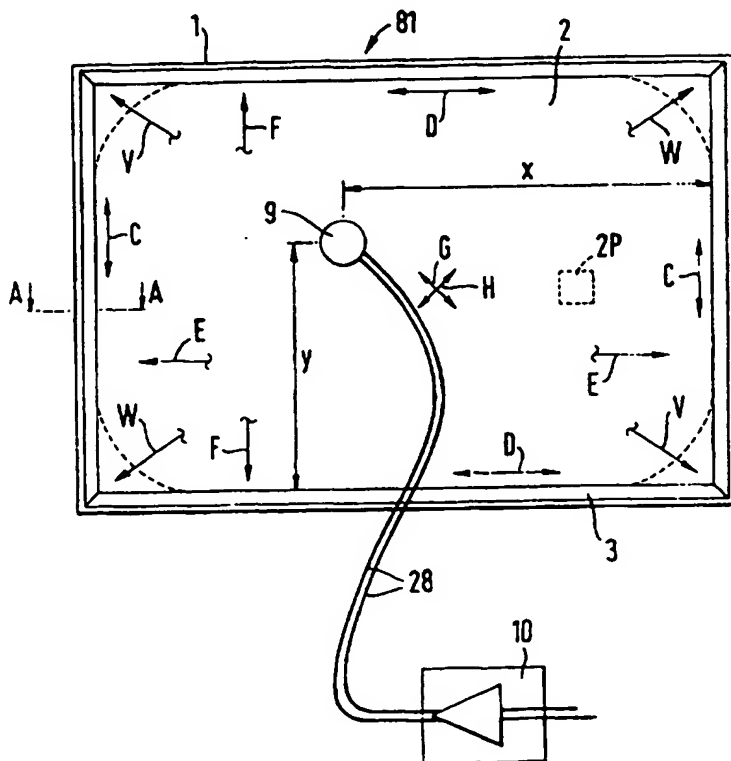
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(54) Title: ACOUSTIC DEVICE

(57) Abstract

Acoustic device (81) including a mem-
ber (2) extending transversely of its thick-
ness and capable of sustaining bending waves
at least over an intendedly consequentially
acoustically active area of the transverse ex-
tent of said member, the member (2) having,
by reason of orderly design methodology dis-
closed and claimed, a distribution of resonant
modes of its natural bending wave vibration
at least over said area that is dependent on
values of particular parameters of said mem-
bers, including geometrical configuration and
directional bending stiffness(es), which val-
ues have been selected to predetermine said
distribution of natural resonant modes being
consonant with required achievable acoustic
action of said member for operation of said
device over a desired operative acoustic fre-
quency range.



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- Group I: claims 1-94 are directed generally to a method of making of or to an acoustic device including a member capable of sustaining bending waves, or to different embodiments thereof.
- Group II: claim 95 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a drive and a baffle.
- Group III: claim 96 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a supporting frame.
- Group IV: claim 97 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with means for varying the air pressure .
- Group V: claim 98 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with an inertial vibration transducer comprising resilient means.
- Group VI: claim 104 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with two transducers.
- Group VII: claims 105-106 are directed to a distributed mode acoustic member with sound sensor or microphone.
- Group VIII: claim 107 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with suspended ceiling tile.
- Group IX: claim 108 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with visual display unit and transducer means mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group X: claim 109 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with lap-top computer and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XI: claim 110 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a portable compact-disc player and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XII: claim 111 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator within a vehicle and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XIII: claim 112 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a vehicle component and a transducer mounted on the radiator.
- Group XIV: claim 113 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with an electronic musical instrument having a keyboard and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XV: claim 114 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a vending machine and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XVI: claim 115 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a notice board and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XVII: claim 116 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a packaging and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.

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- Group XVIII: claim 117 is directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a greetings card and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XIX: claims 118-121 are directed to a distributed mode acoustic radiator with a display screen card and a transducer mounted wholly and exclusively on the radiator.
- Group XX: claim 100 is directed to an inertial transducer with plate-like piezo-electric bender.
- Group XXI: claim 102 is directed to a transducer with a motor coil assembly and a magnet assembly comprising opposed disc-like pole pieces with a surrounding flange adapted to surround and to be disposed adjacent to the motor coil.

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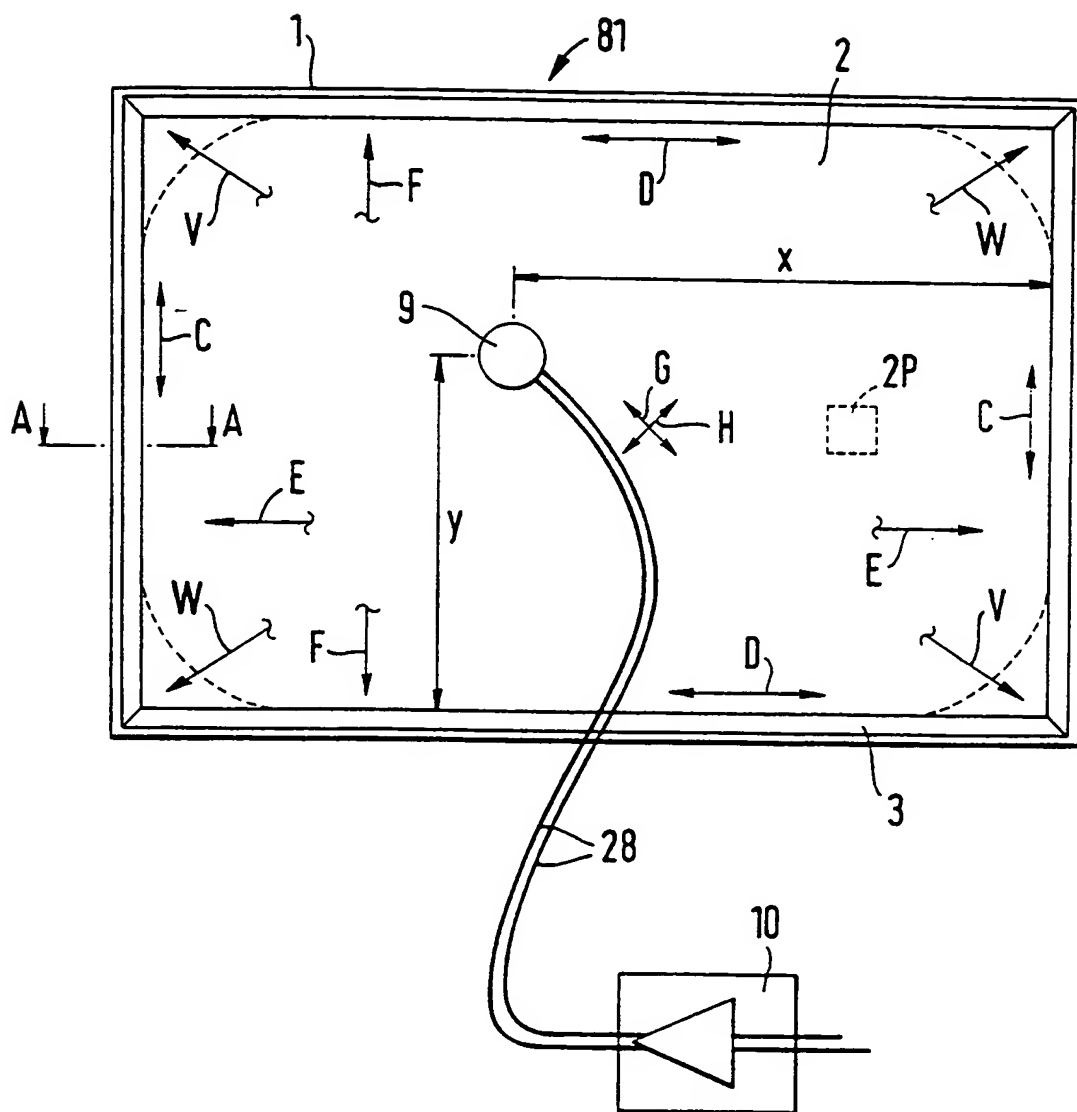


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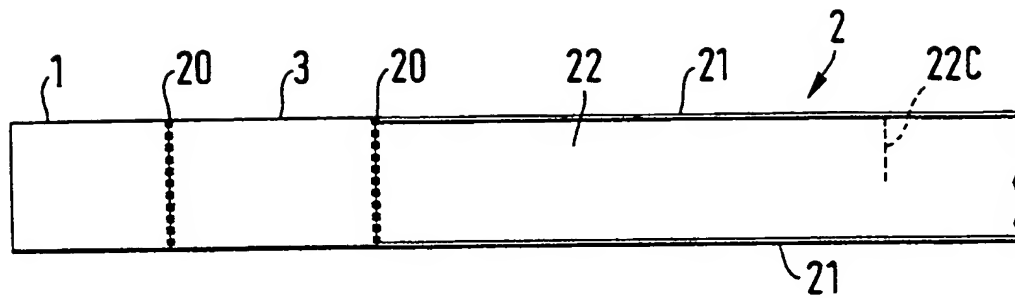


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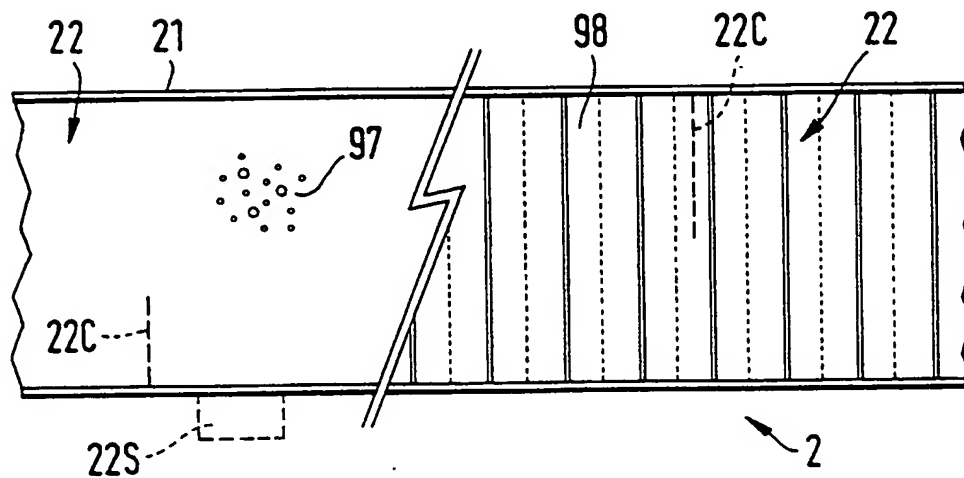


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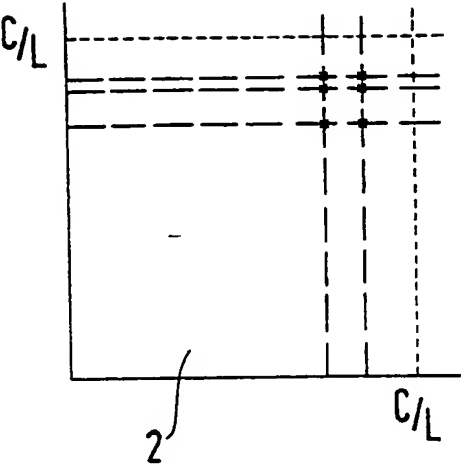


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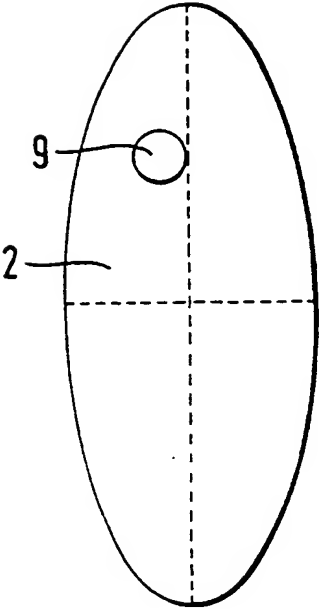


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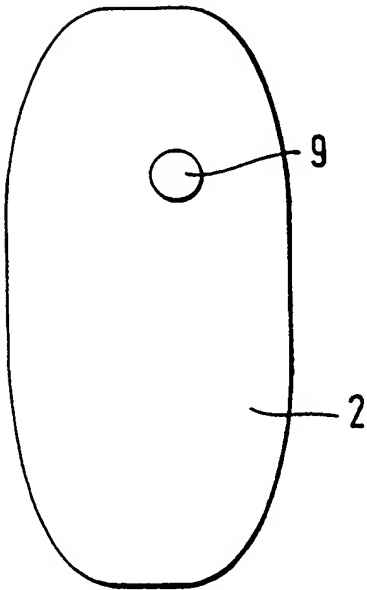


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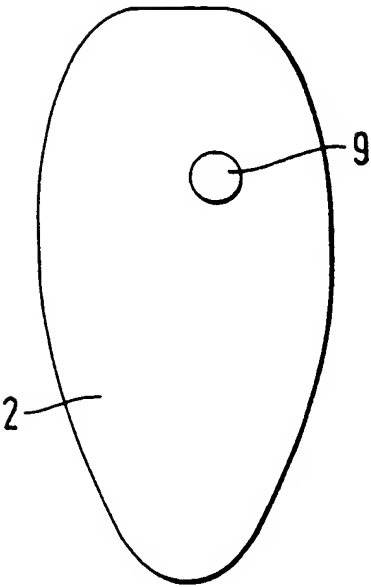


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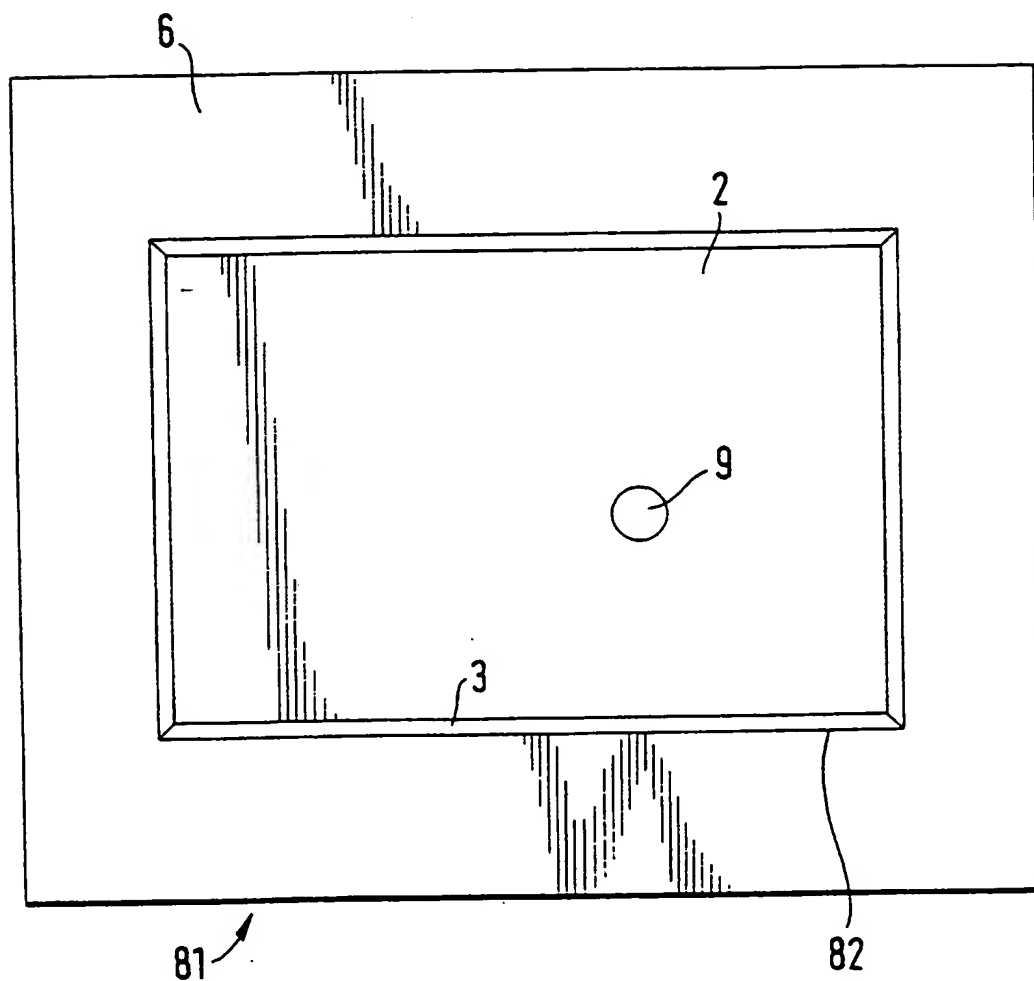


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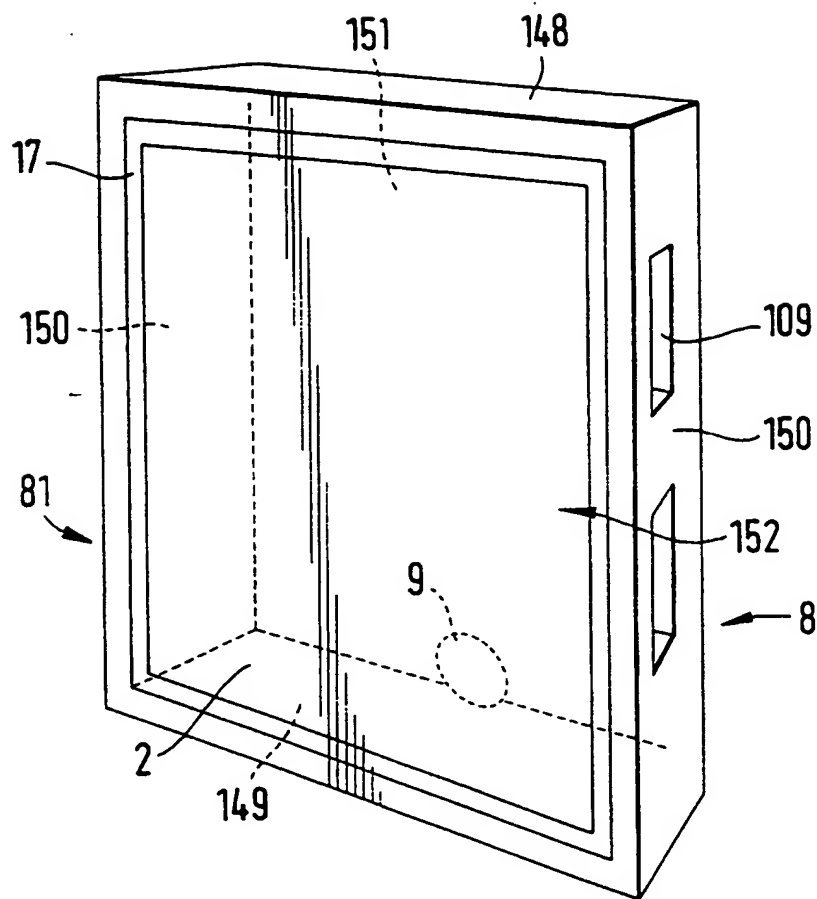


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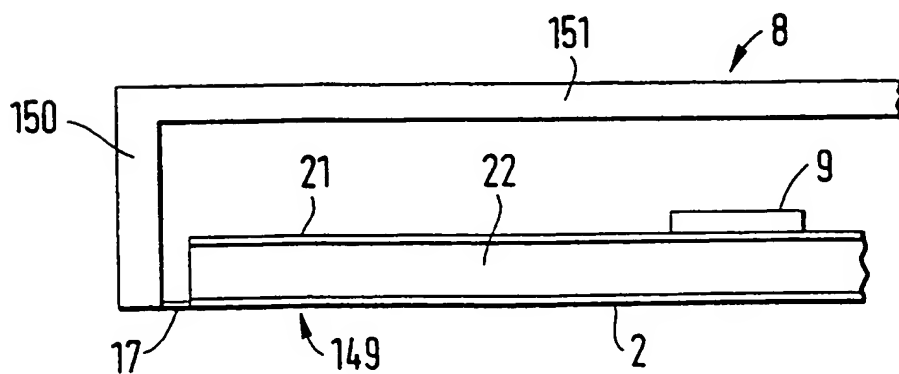


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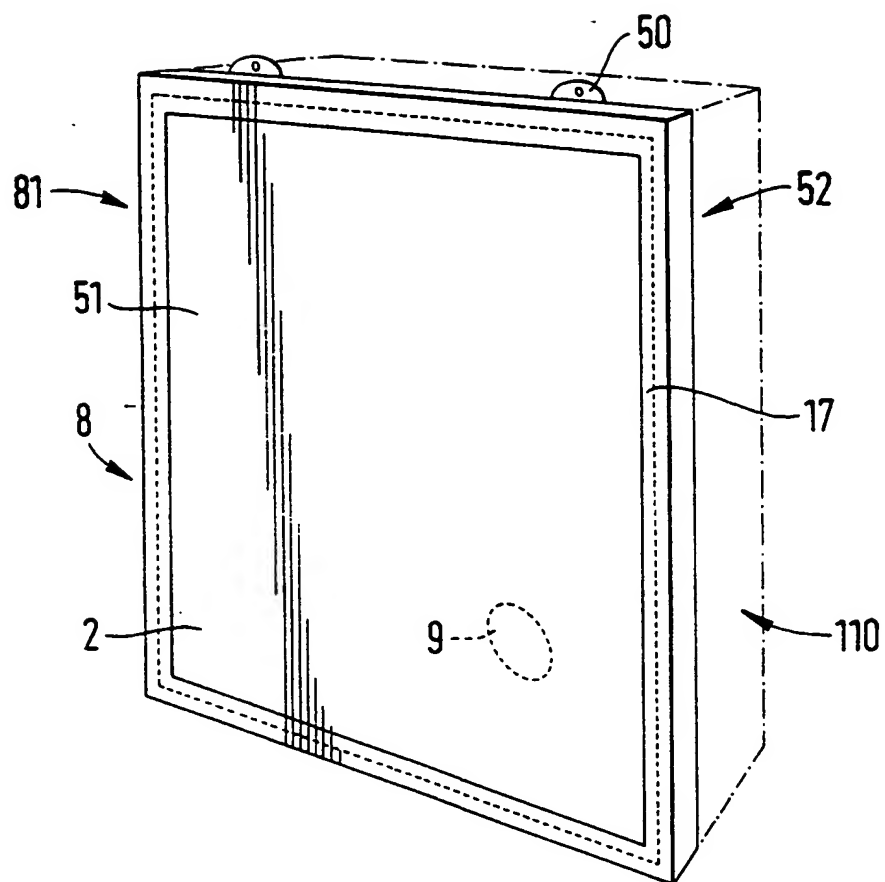


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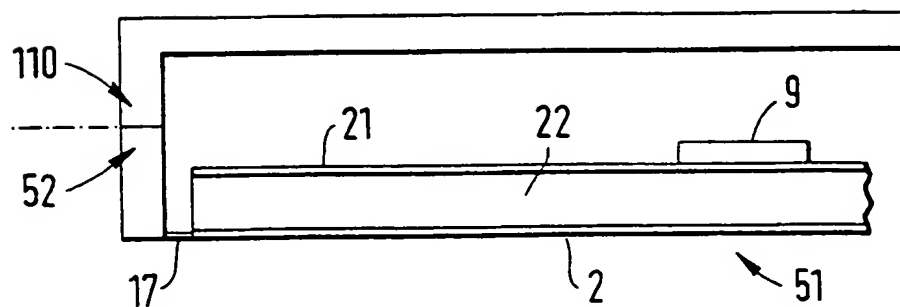


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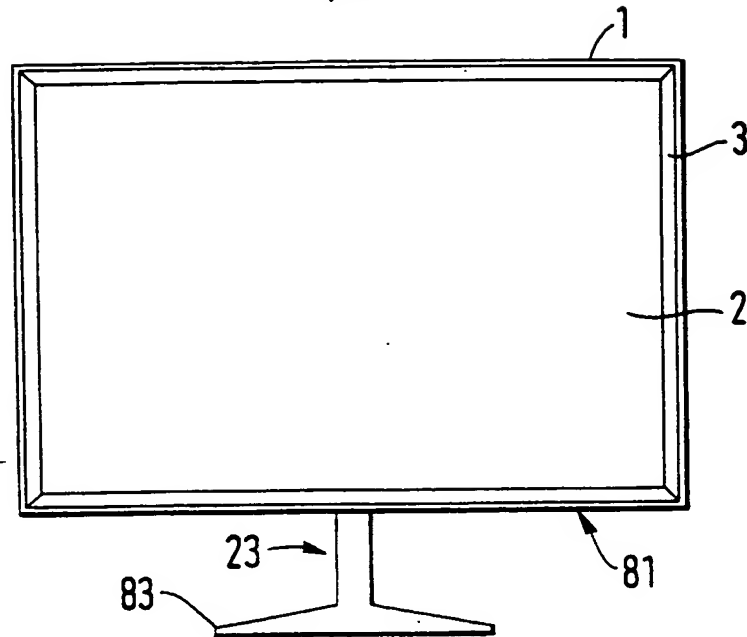


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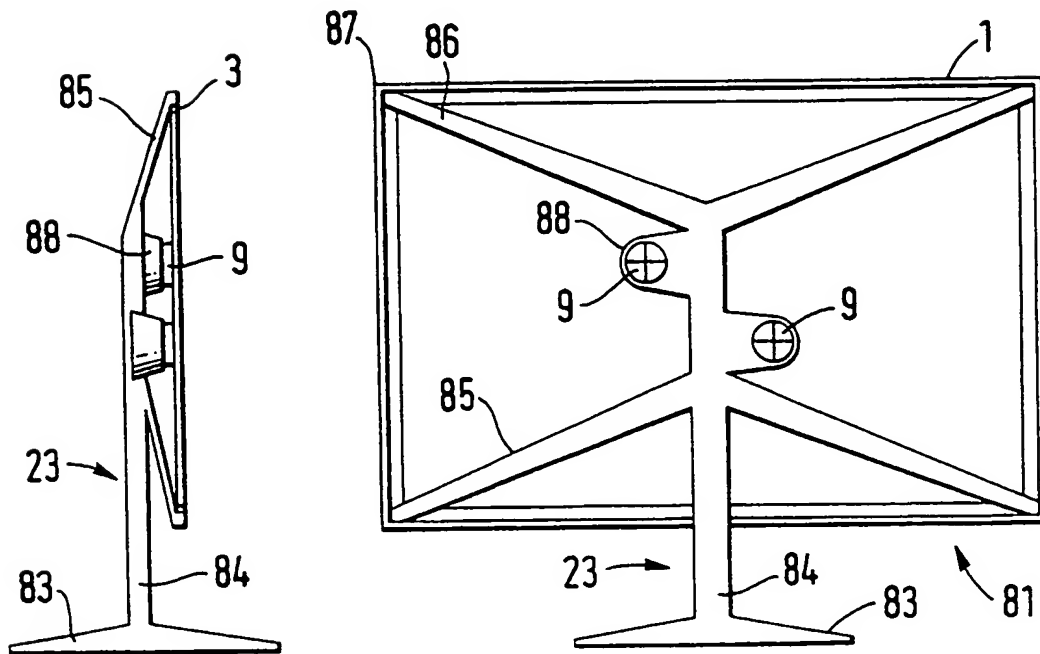


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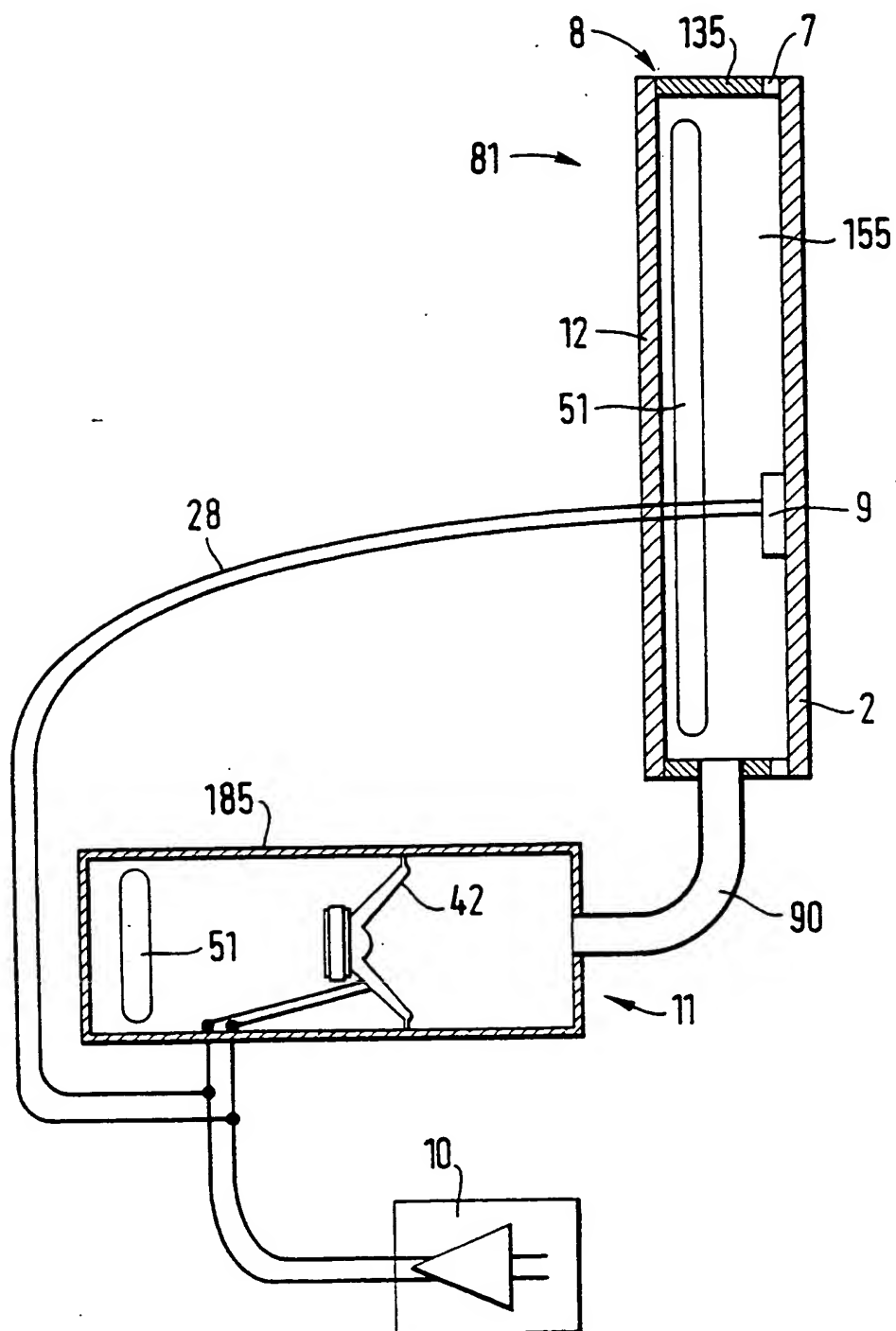


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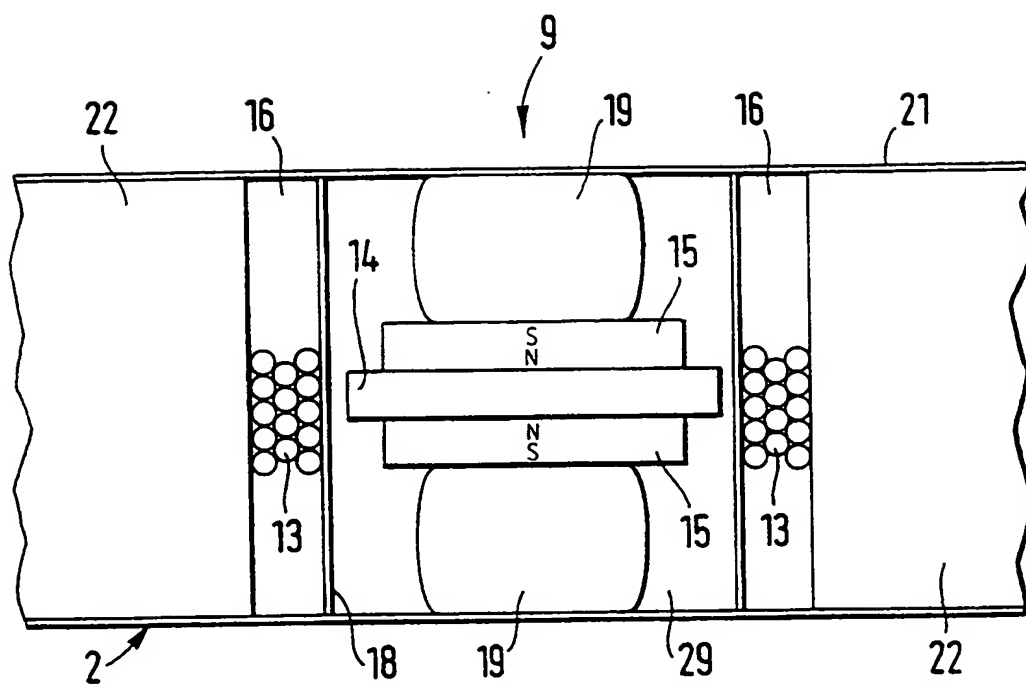


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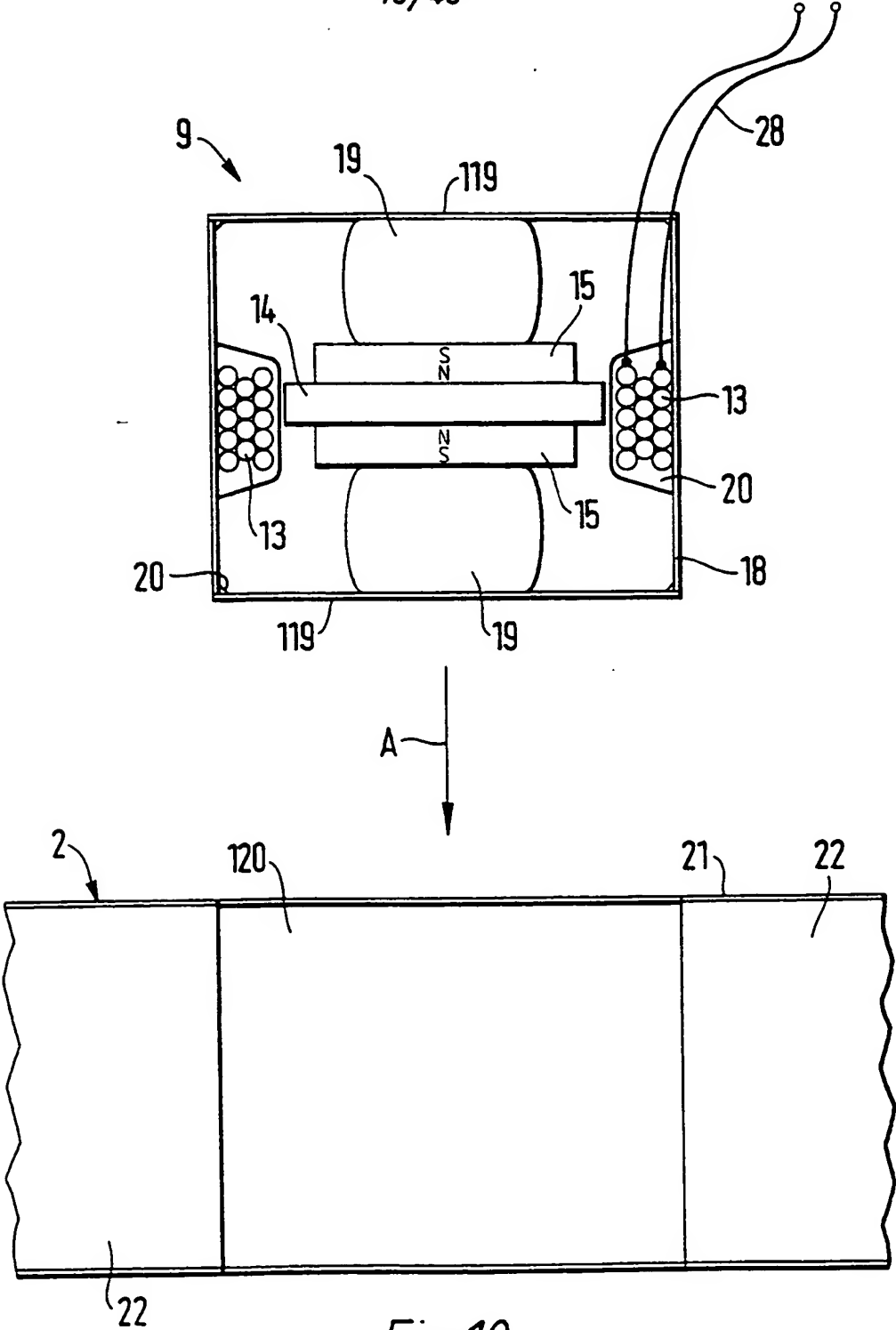


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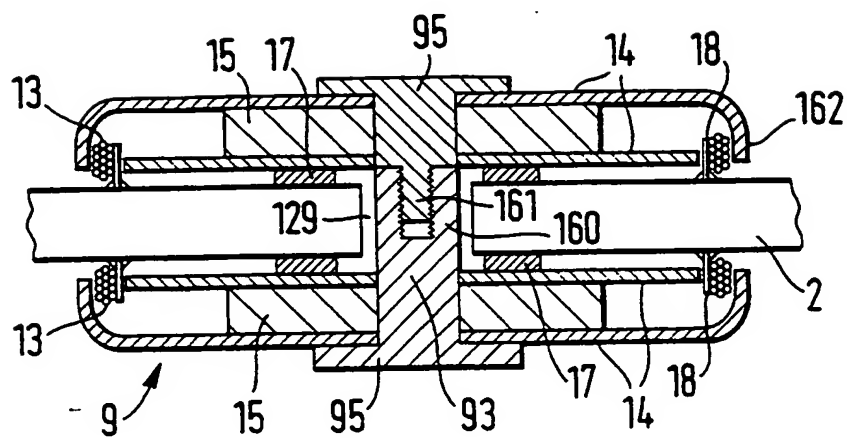


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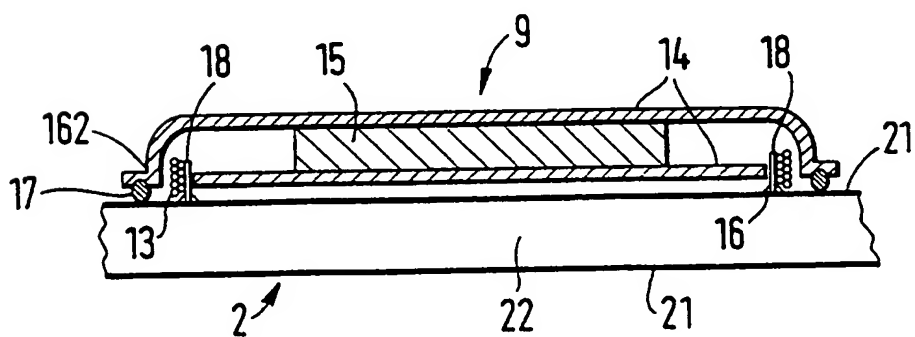


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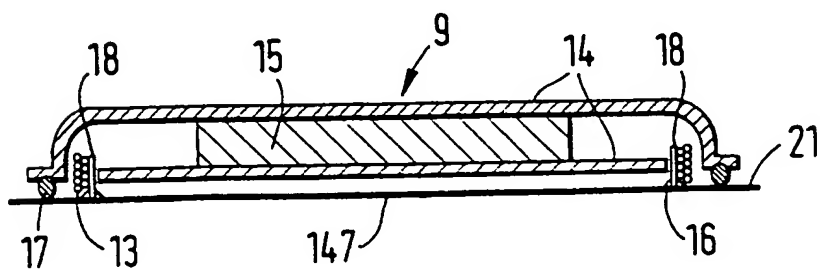


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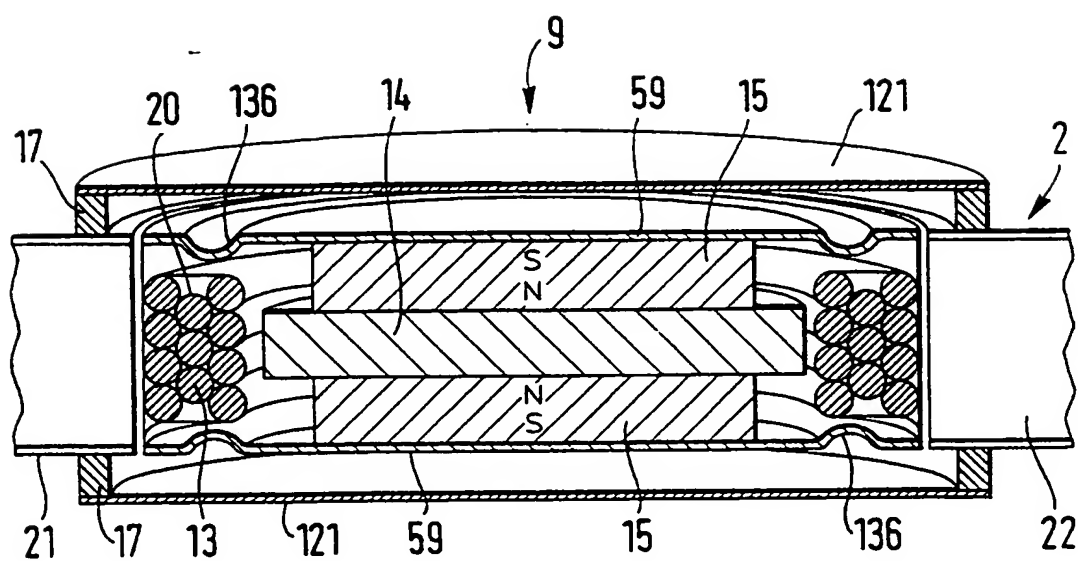
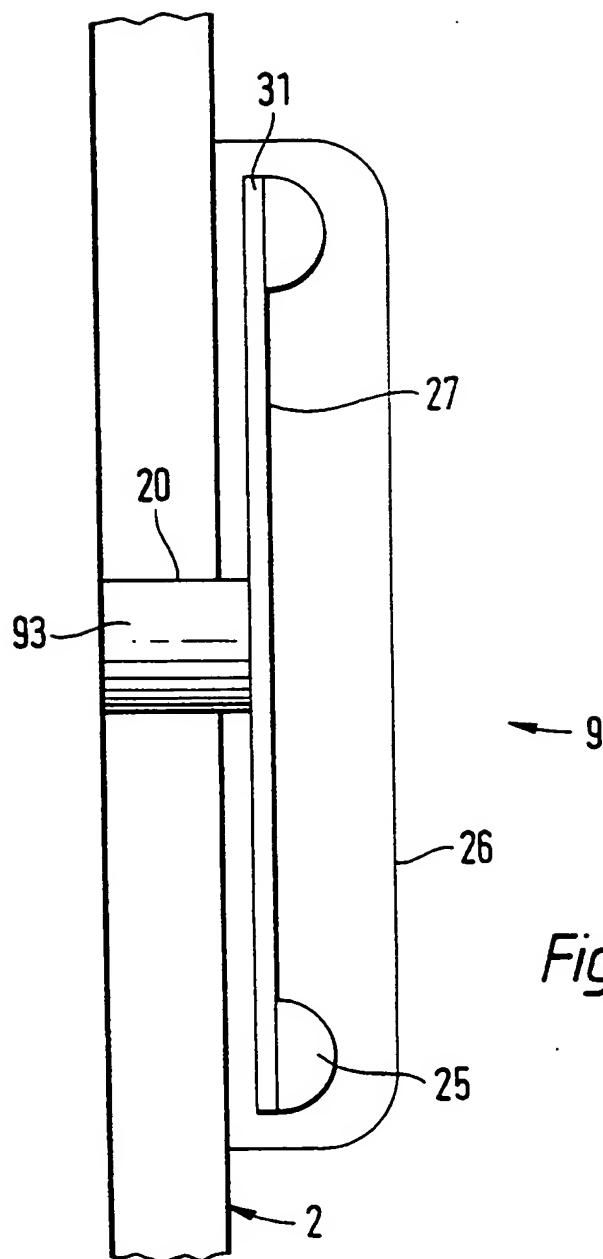
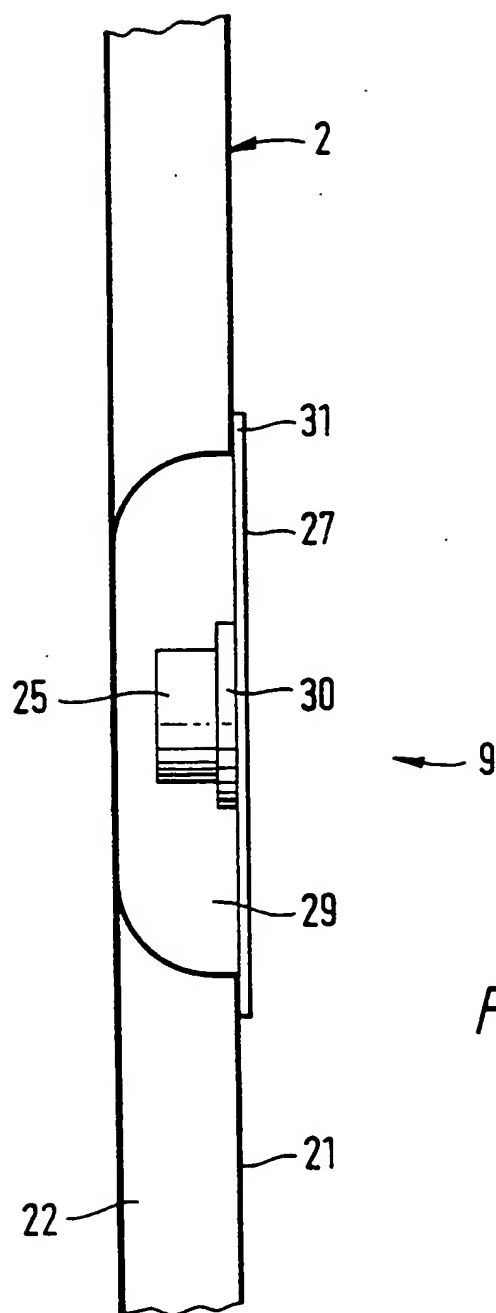


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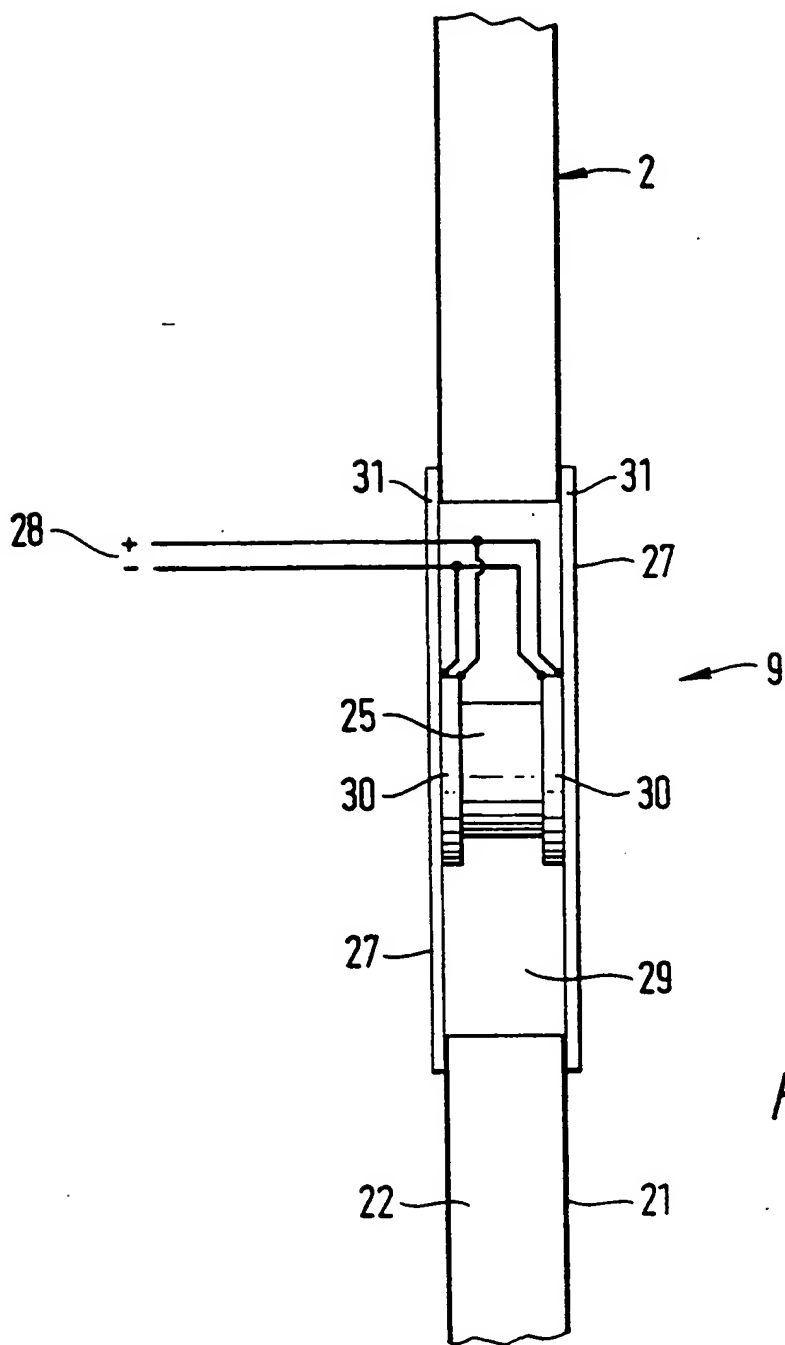


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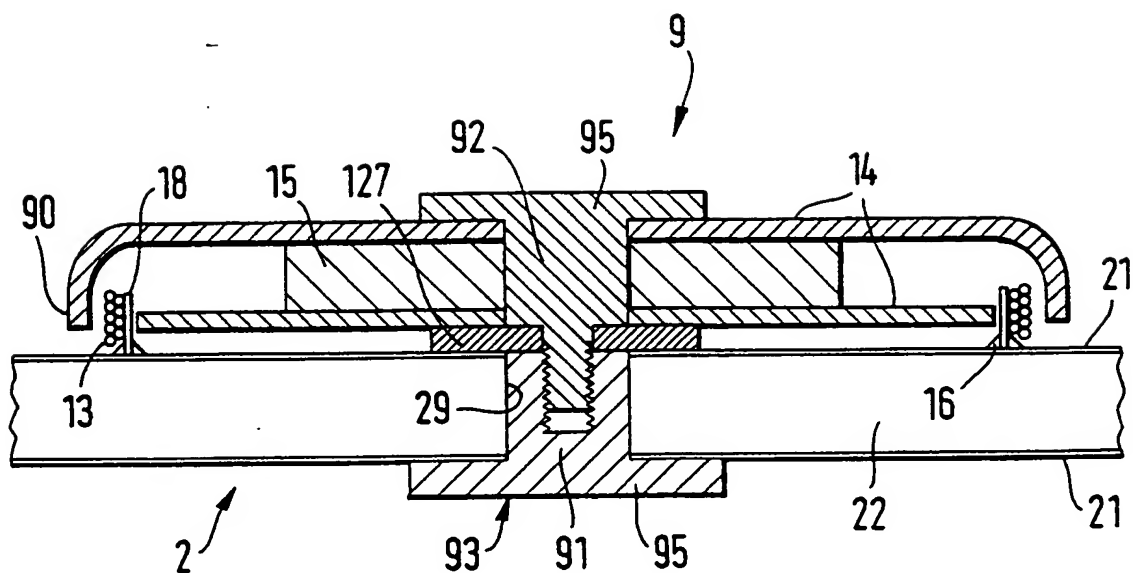


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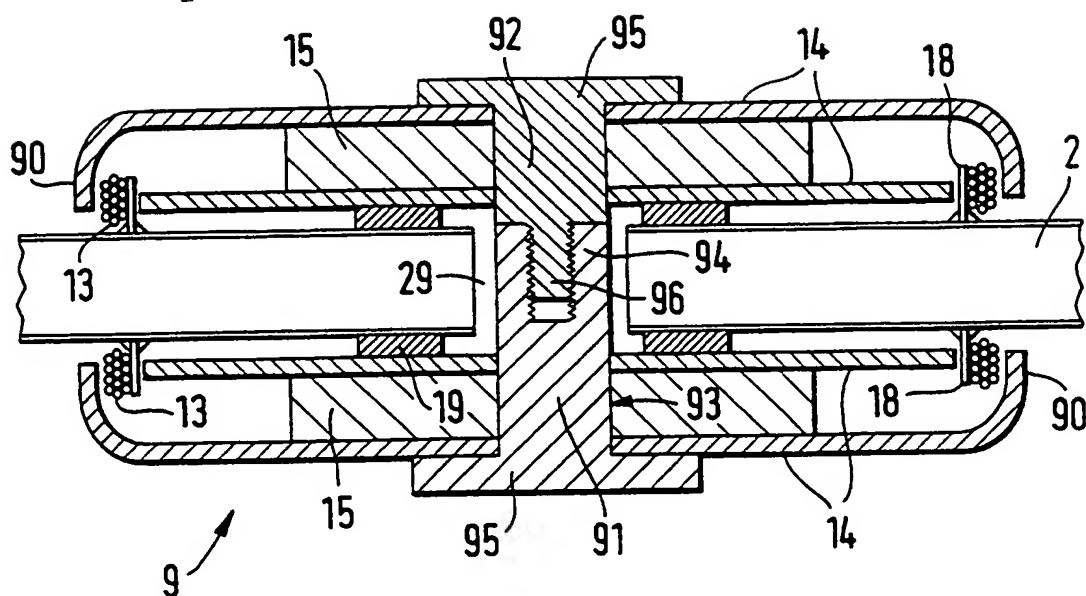


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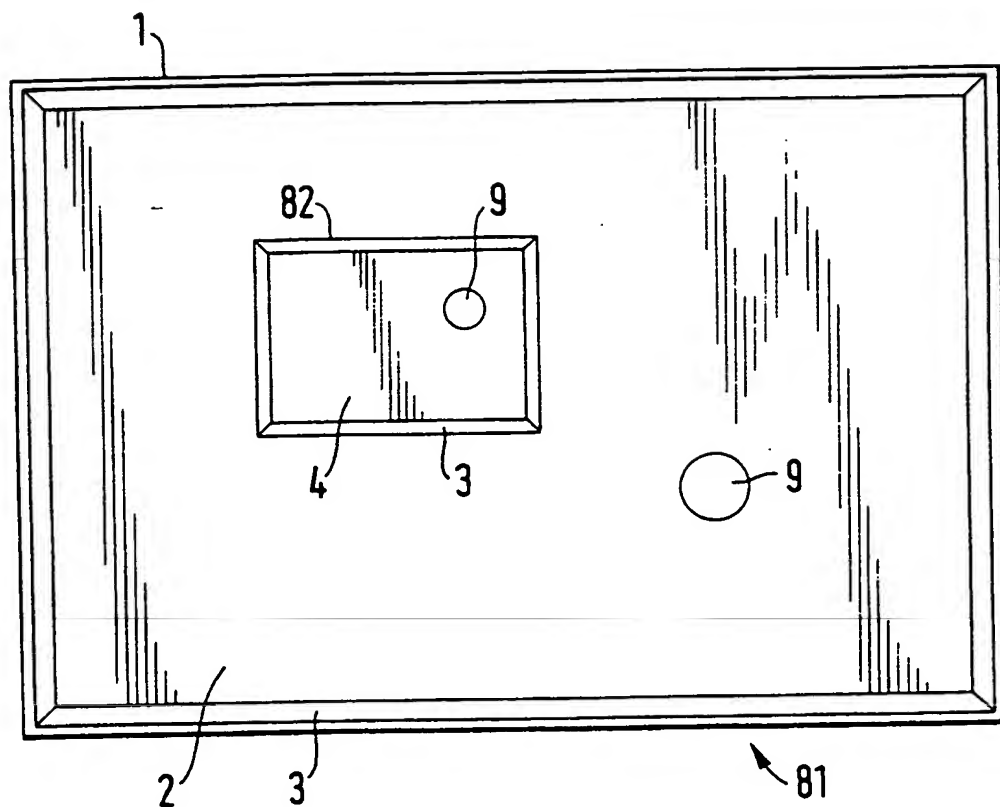


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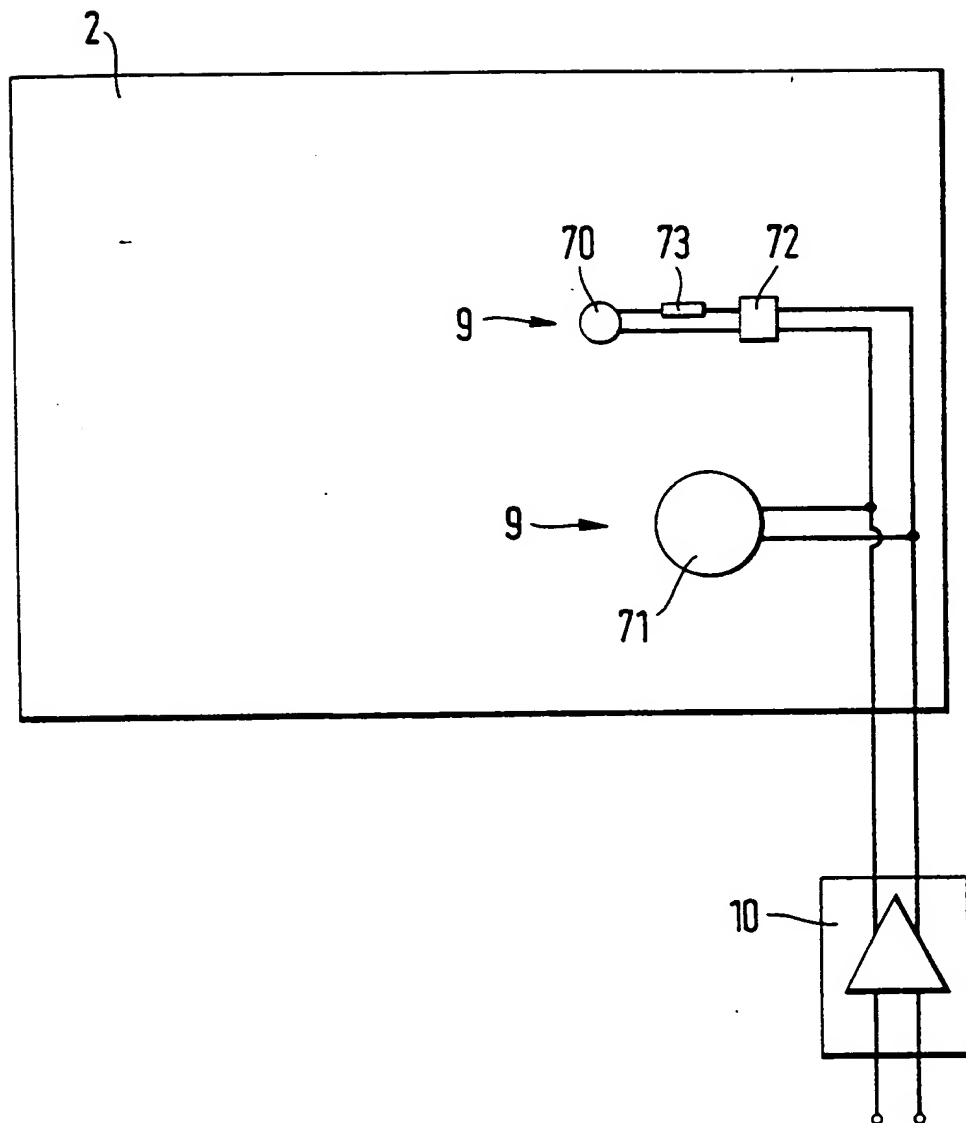


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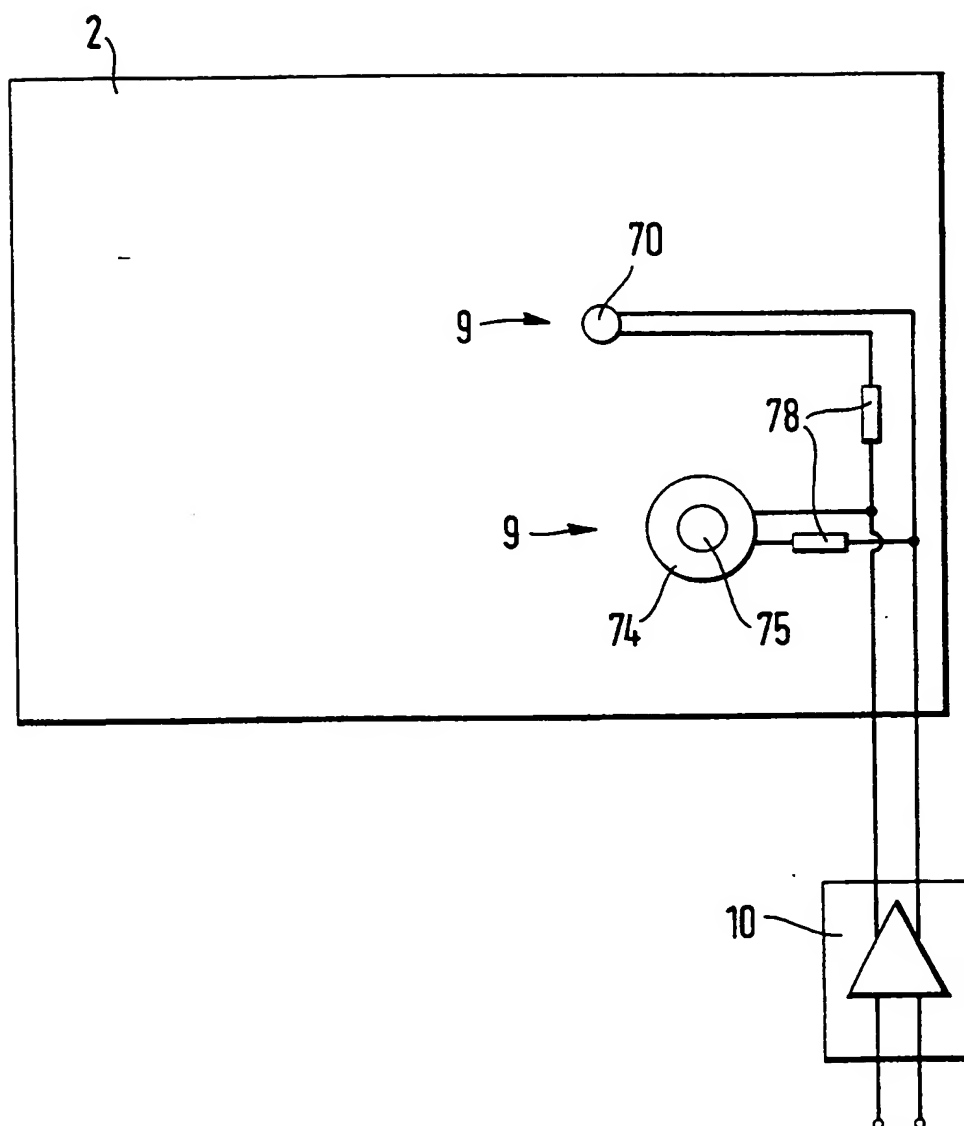


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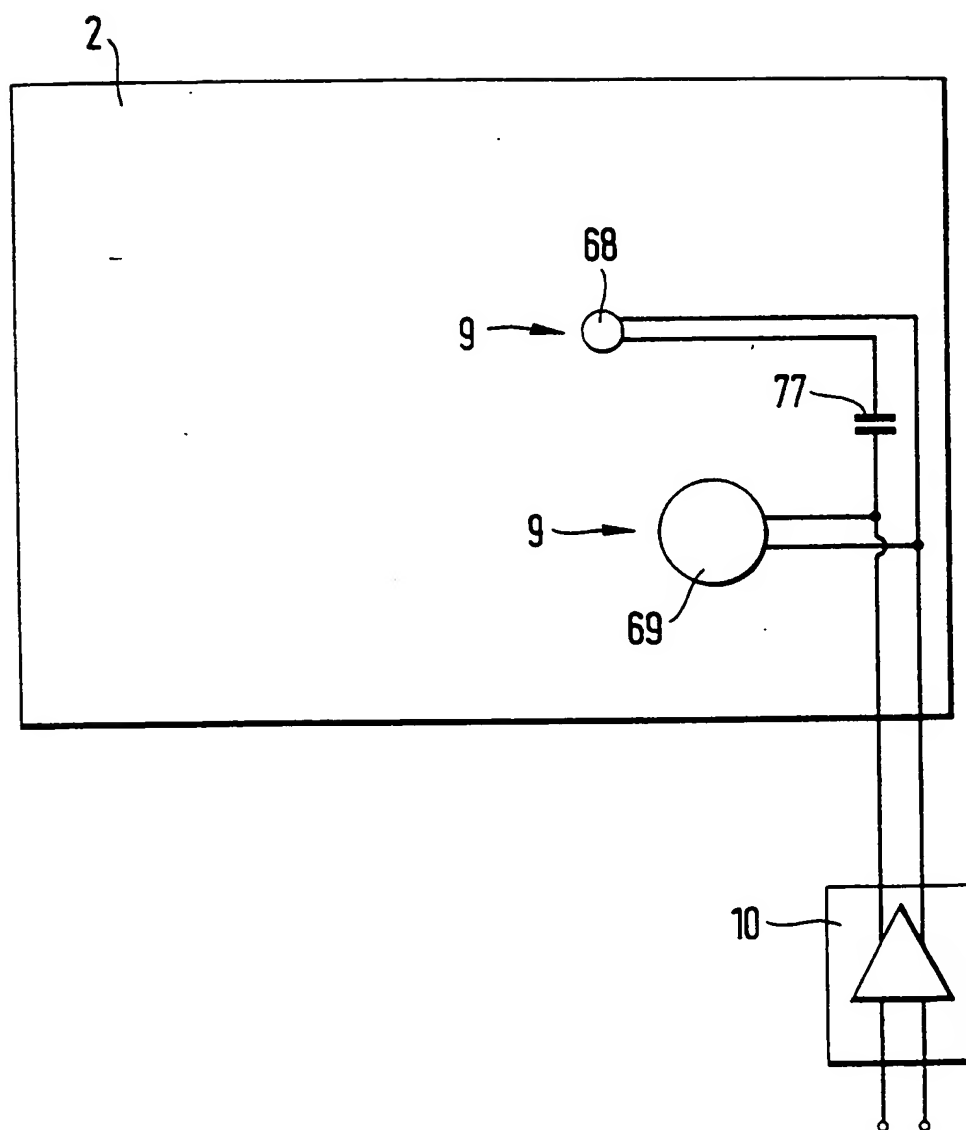
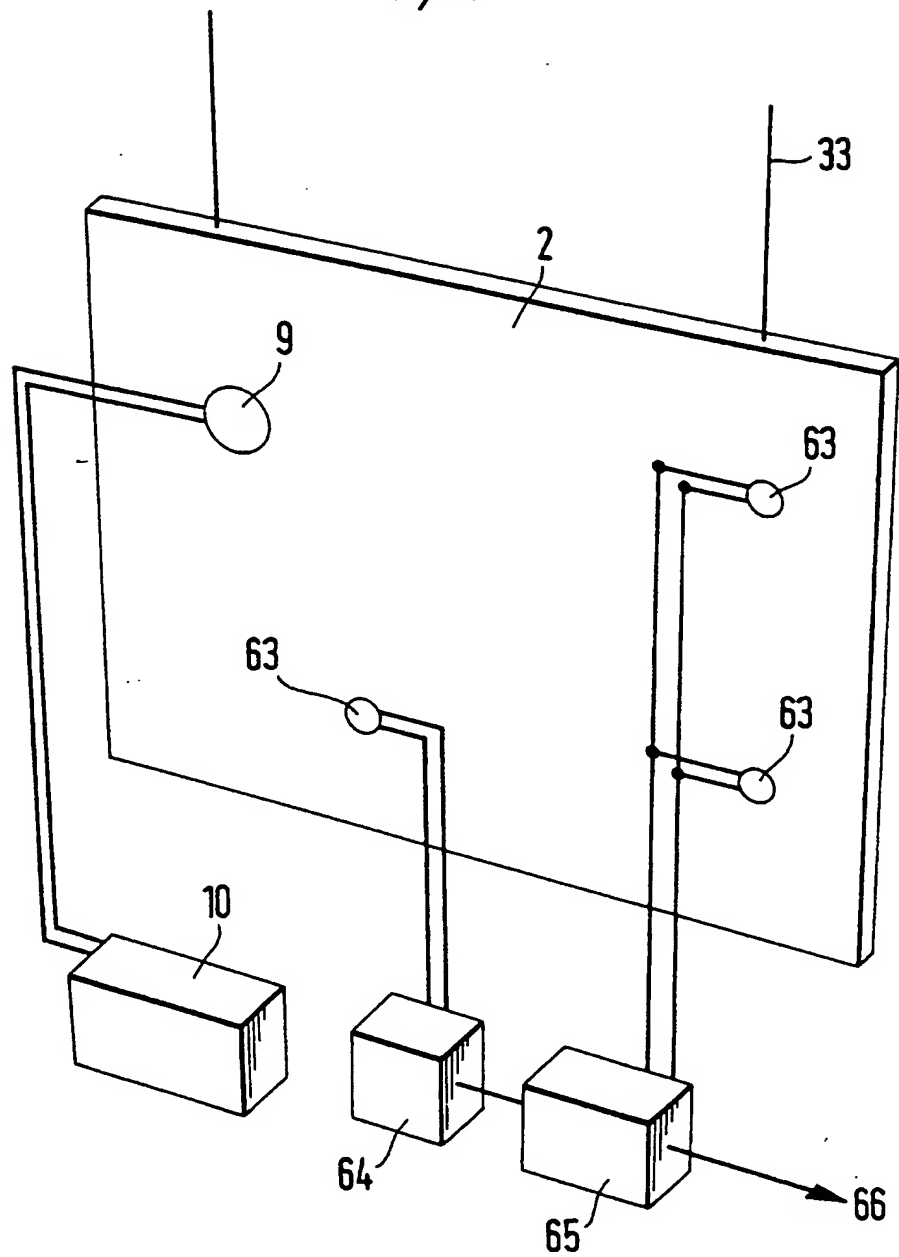
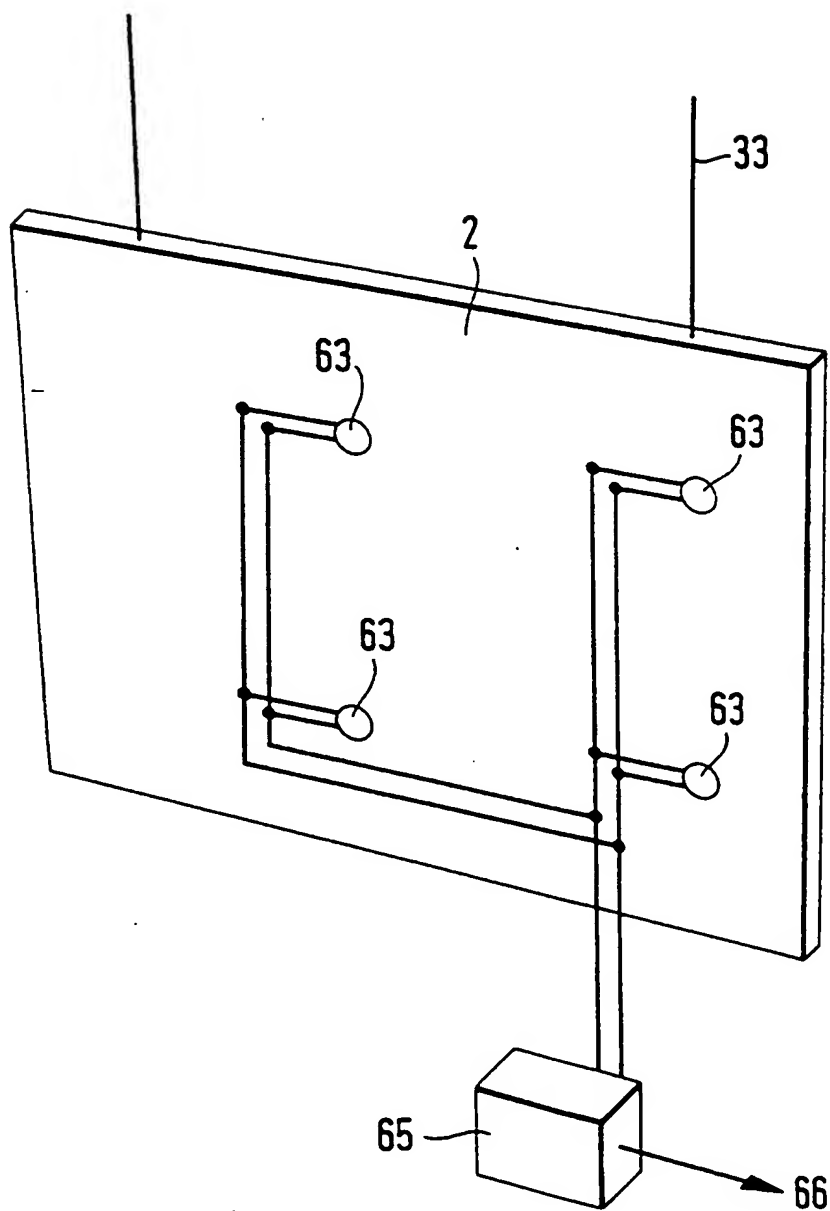


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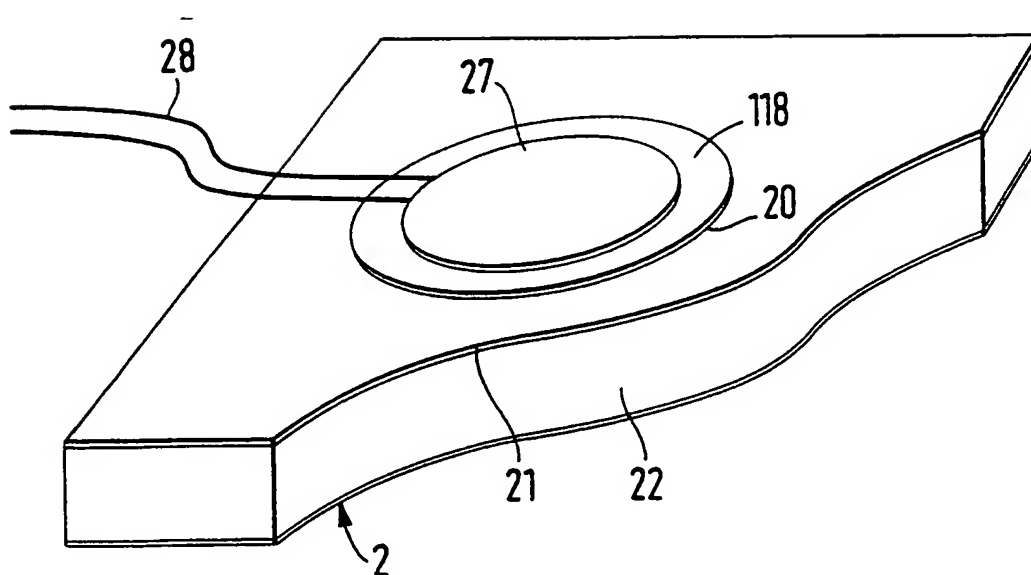


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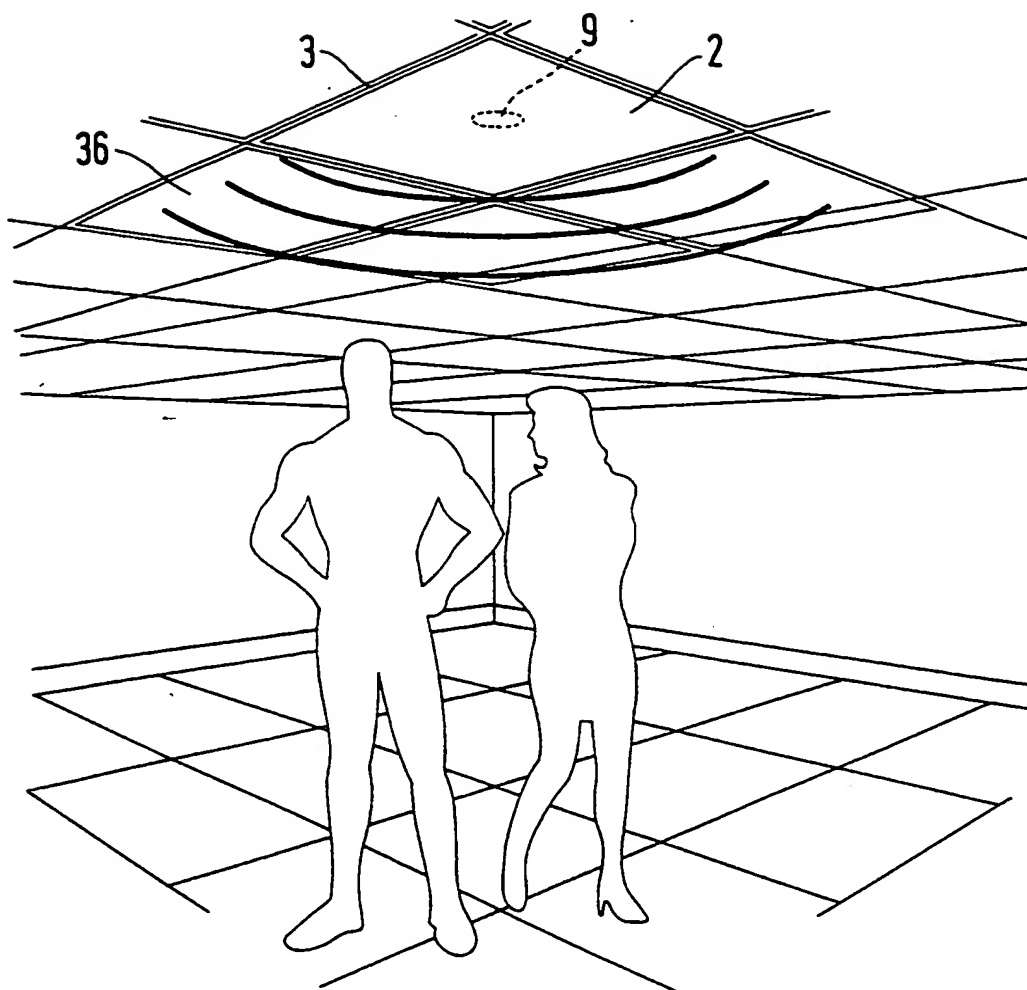


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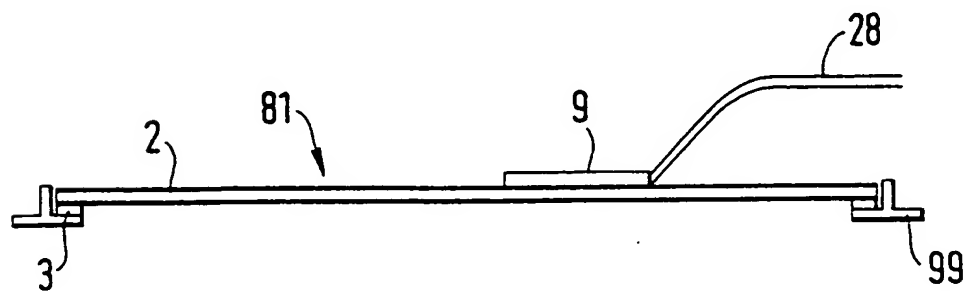


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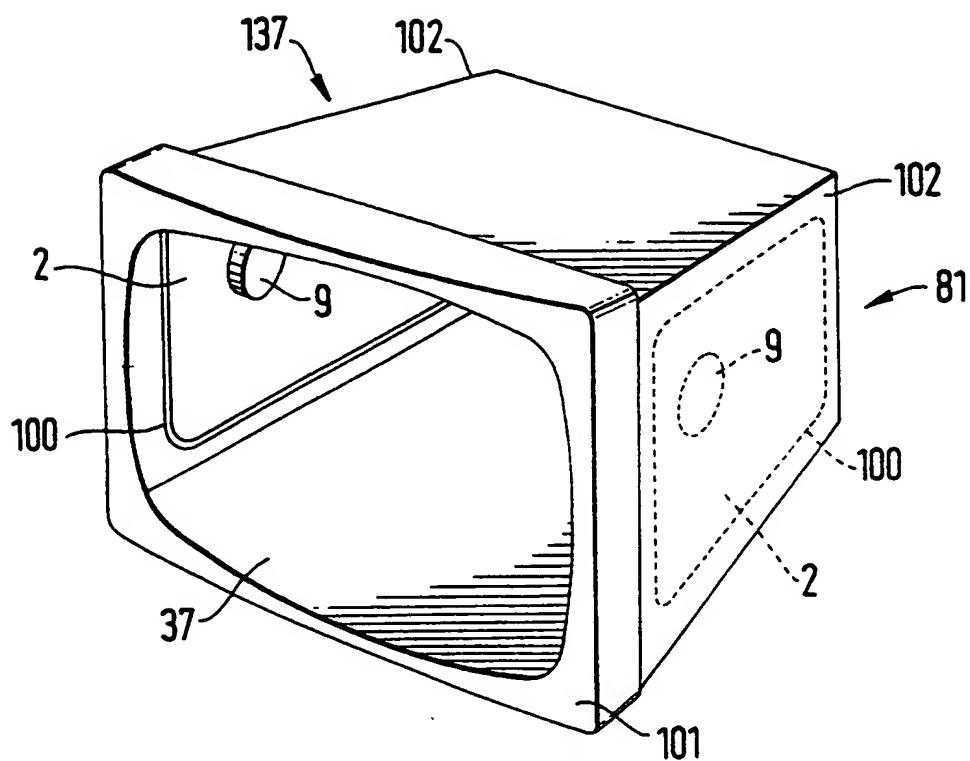


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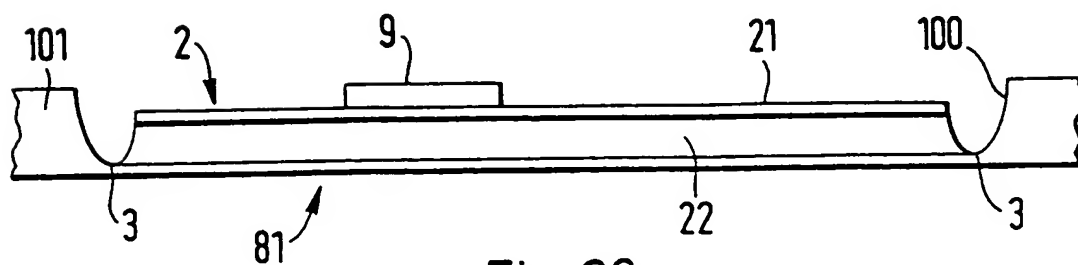


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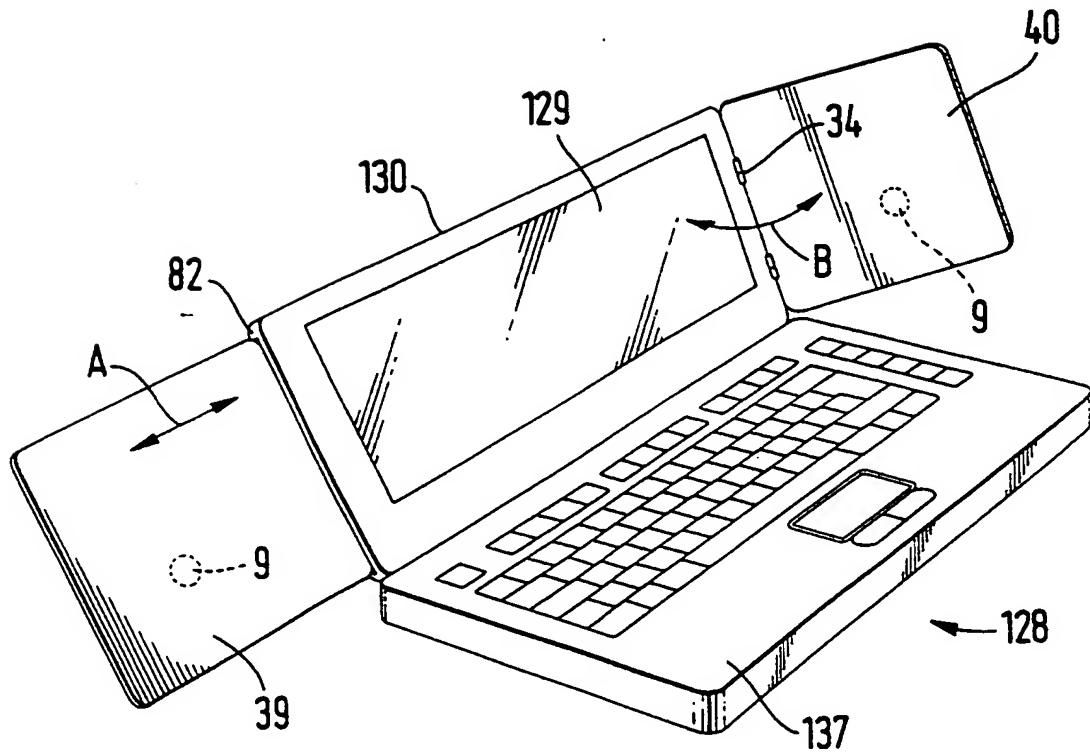


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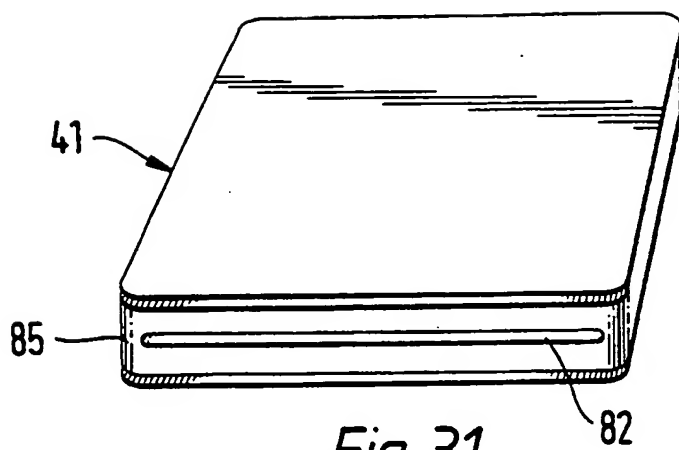


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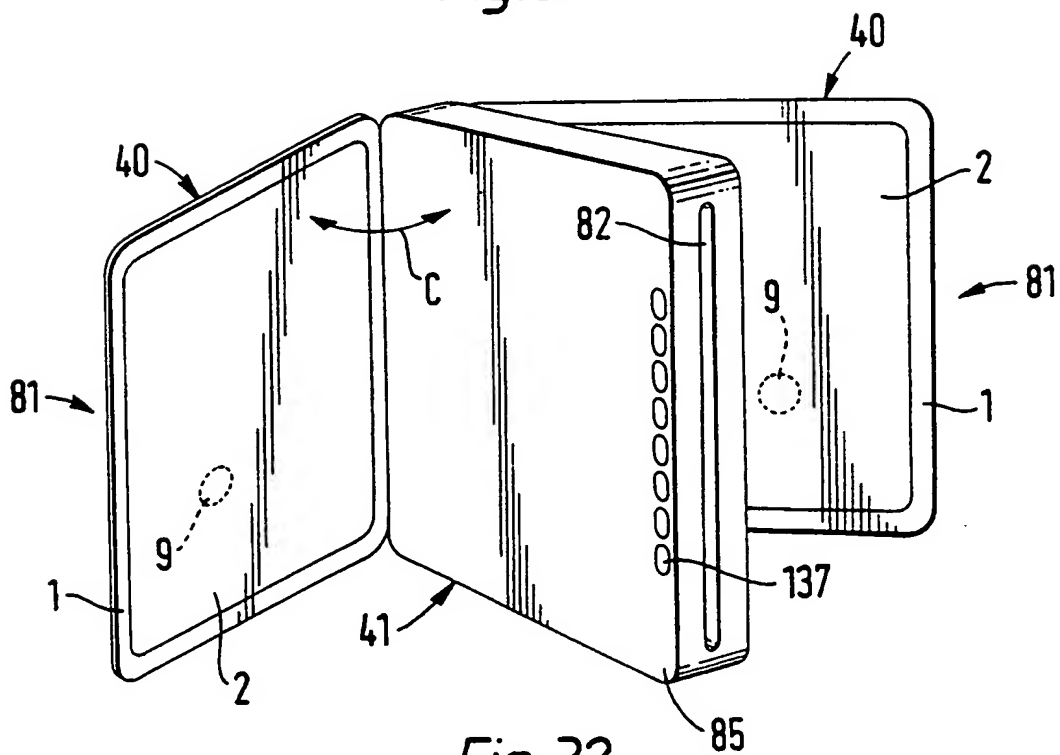


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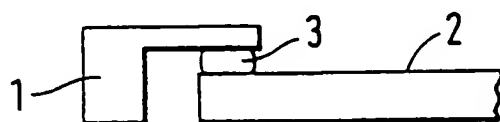


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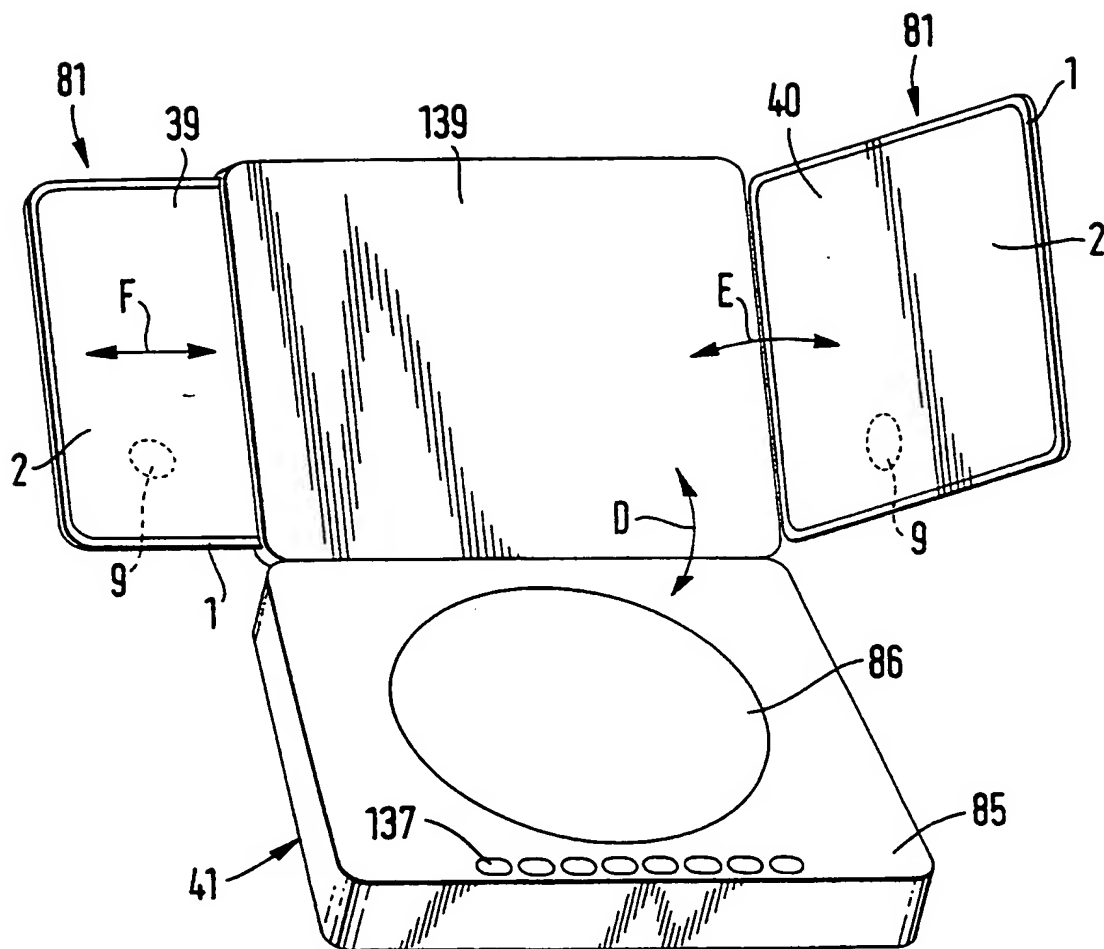


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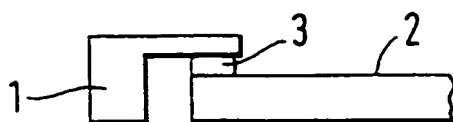


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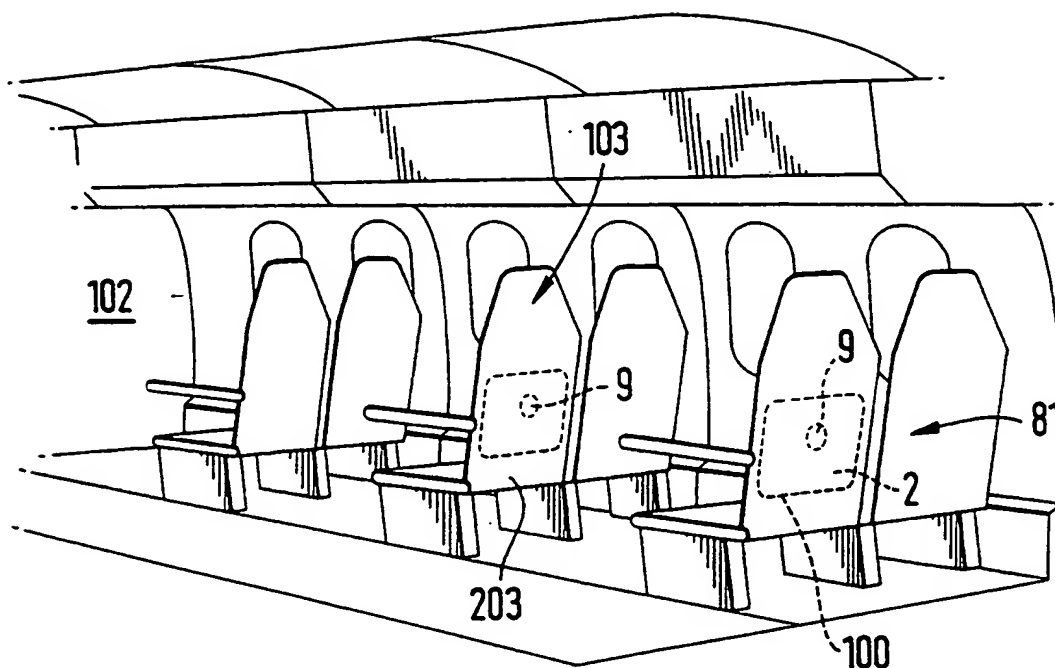


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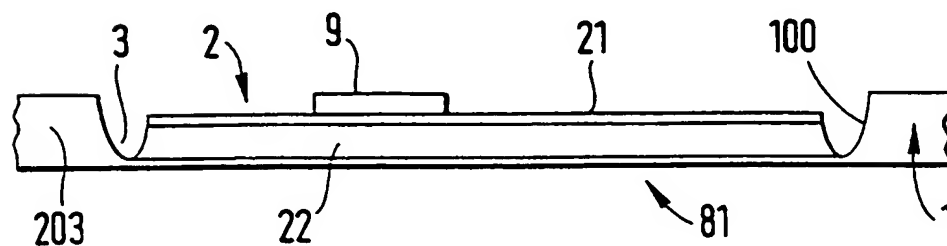
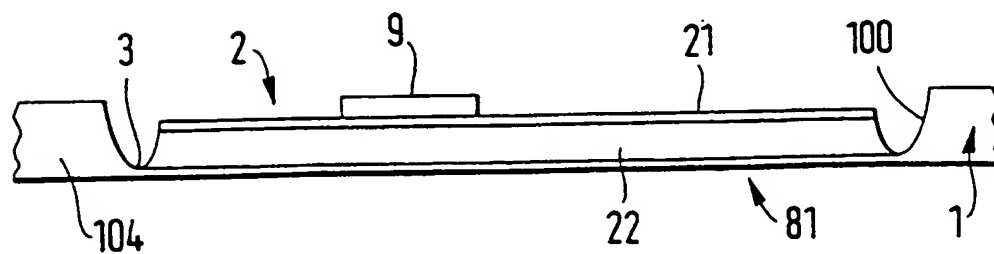
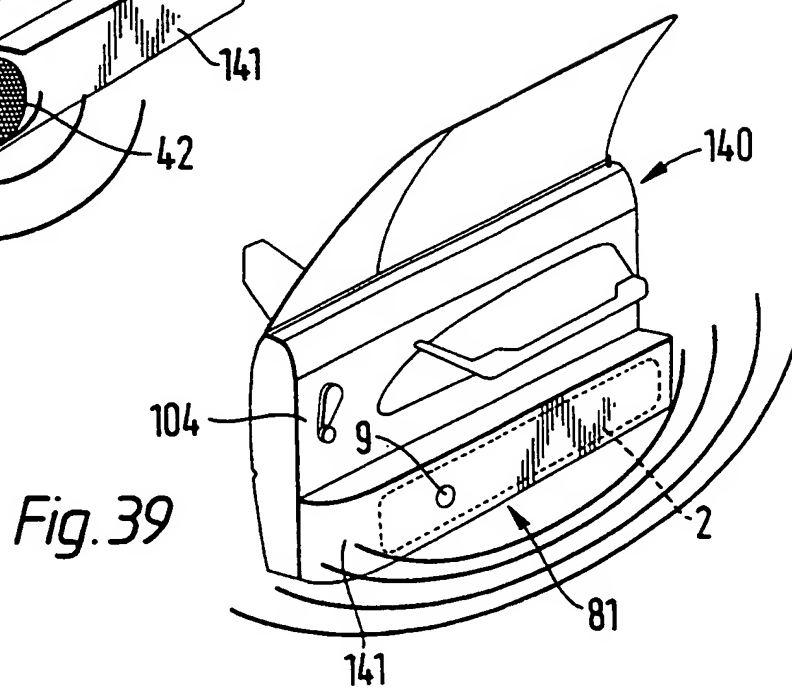
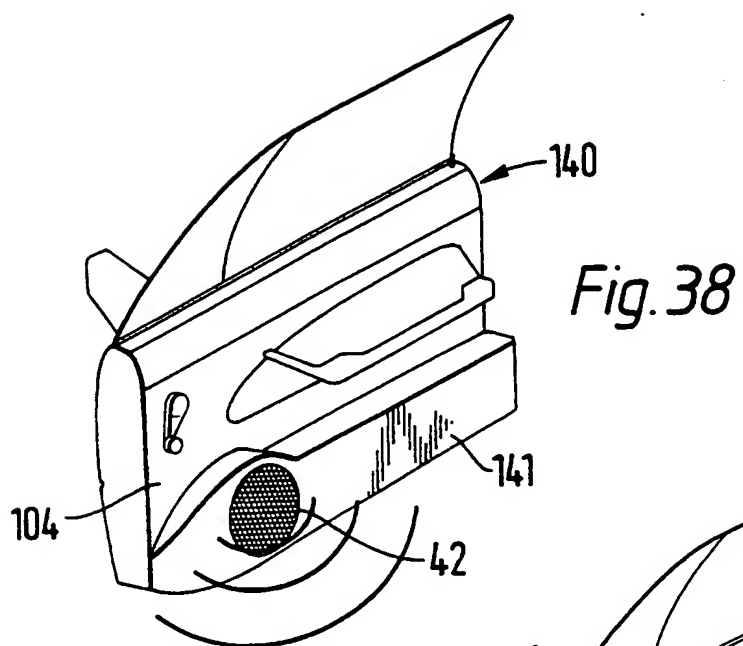


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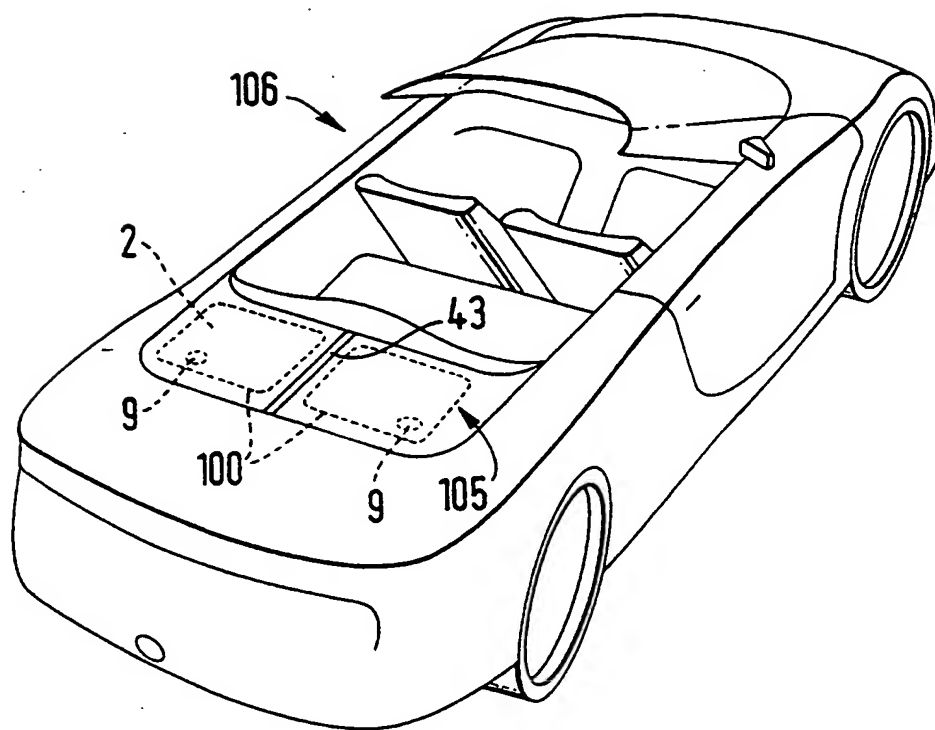


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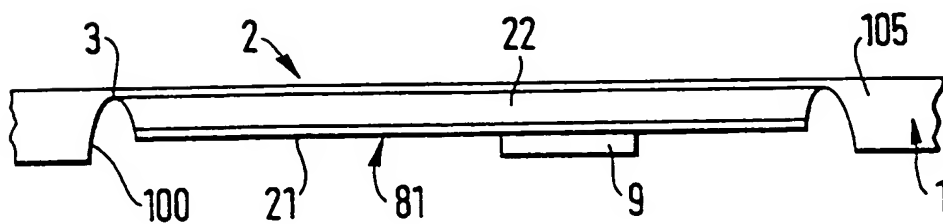


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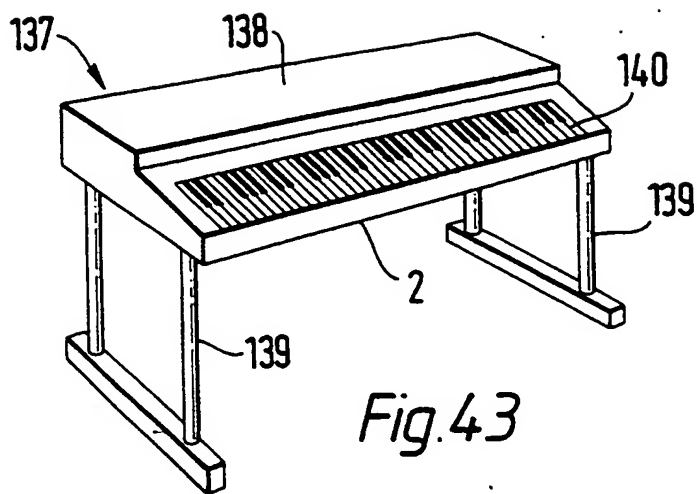


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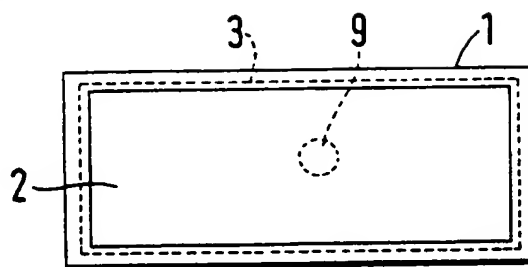


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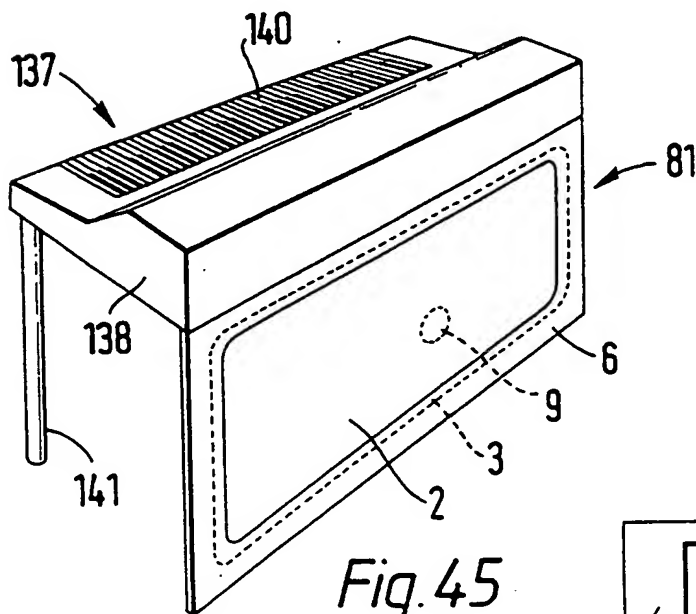


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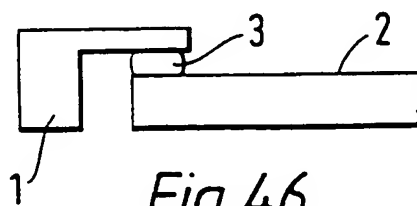


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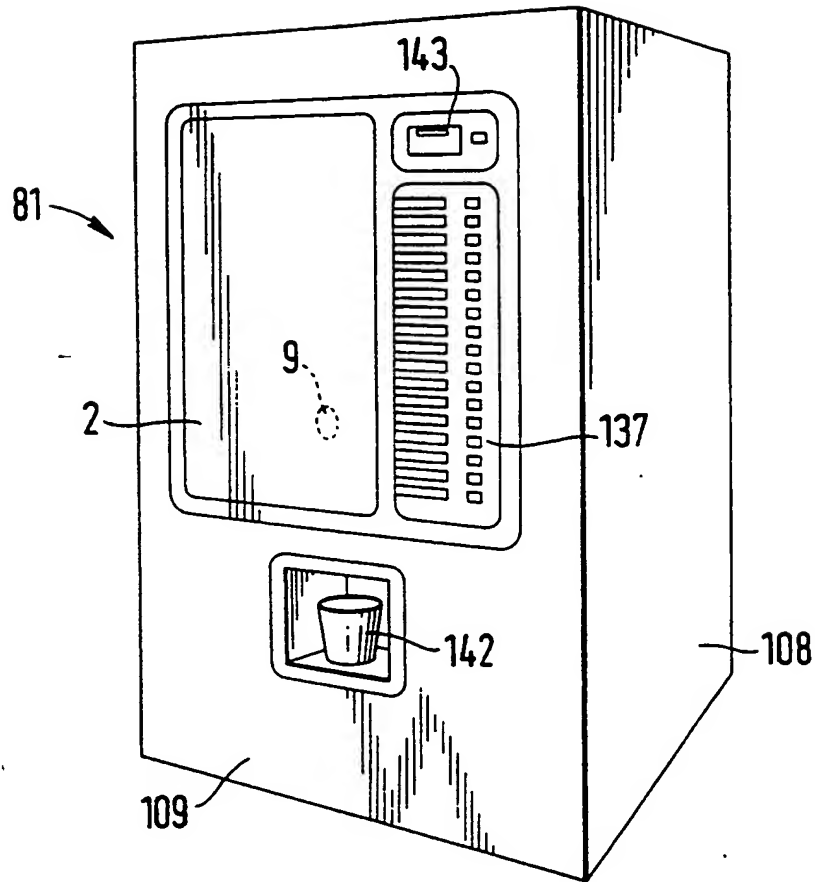


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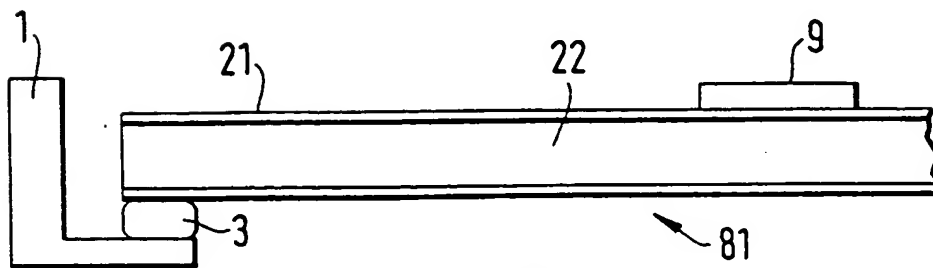


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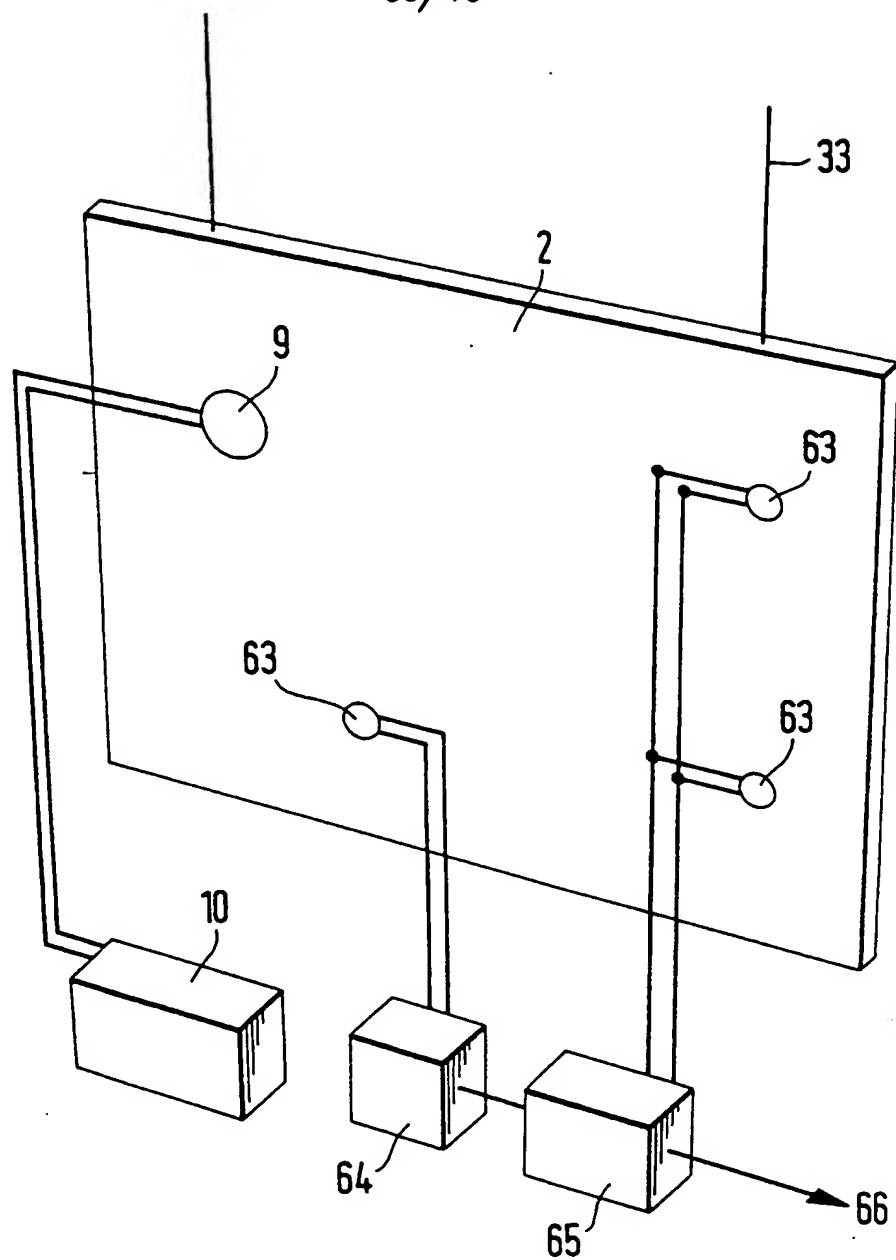


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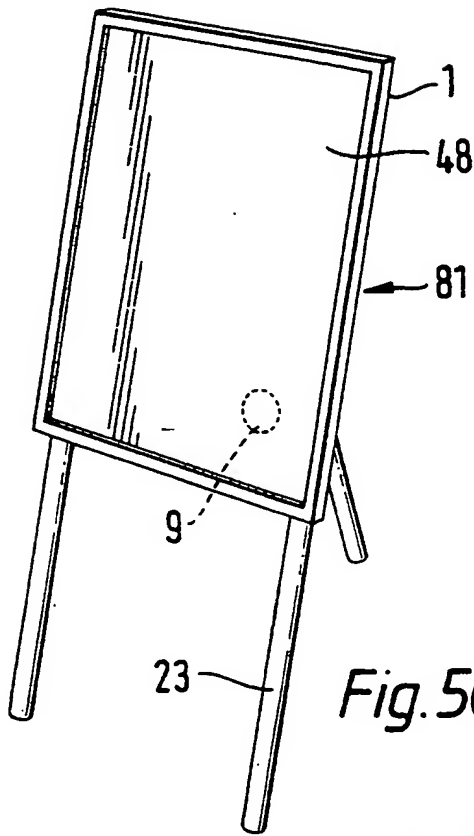


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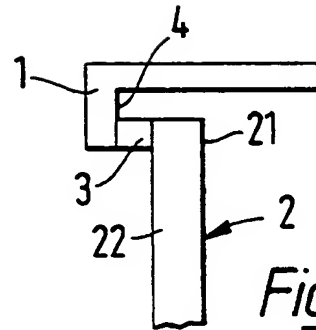


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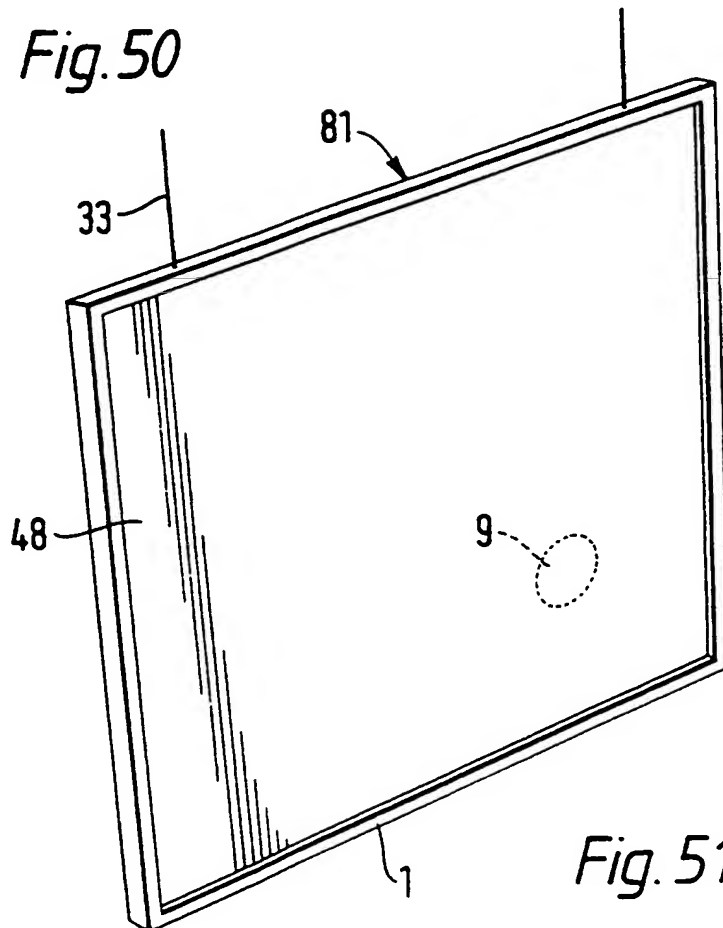


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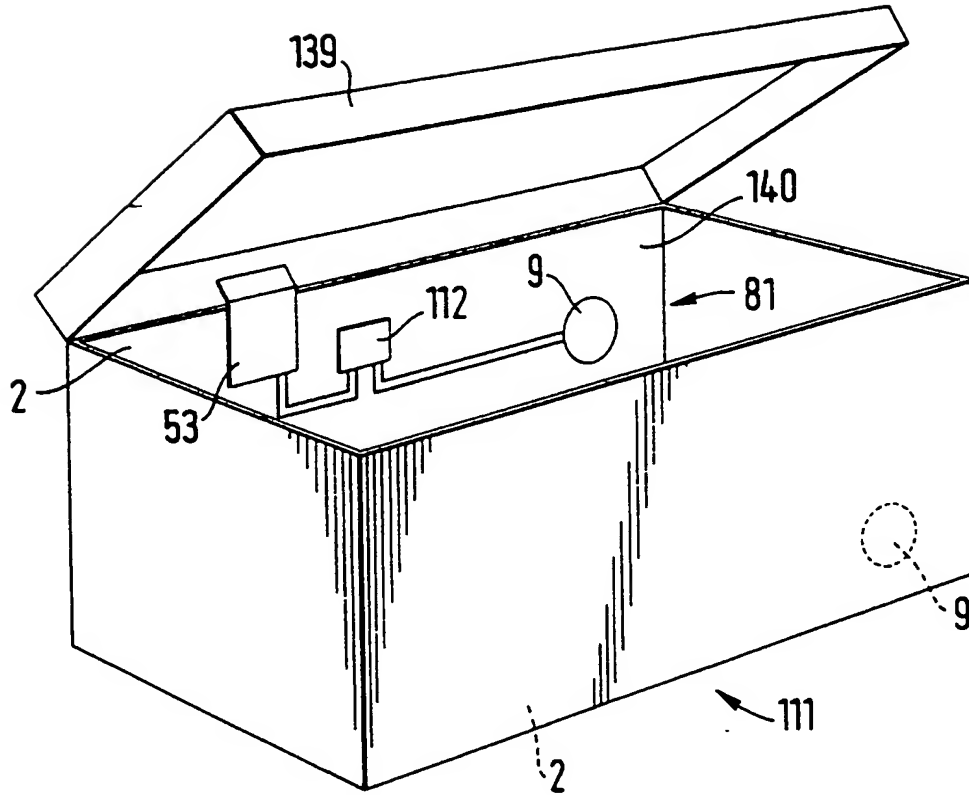
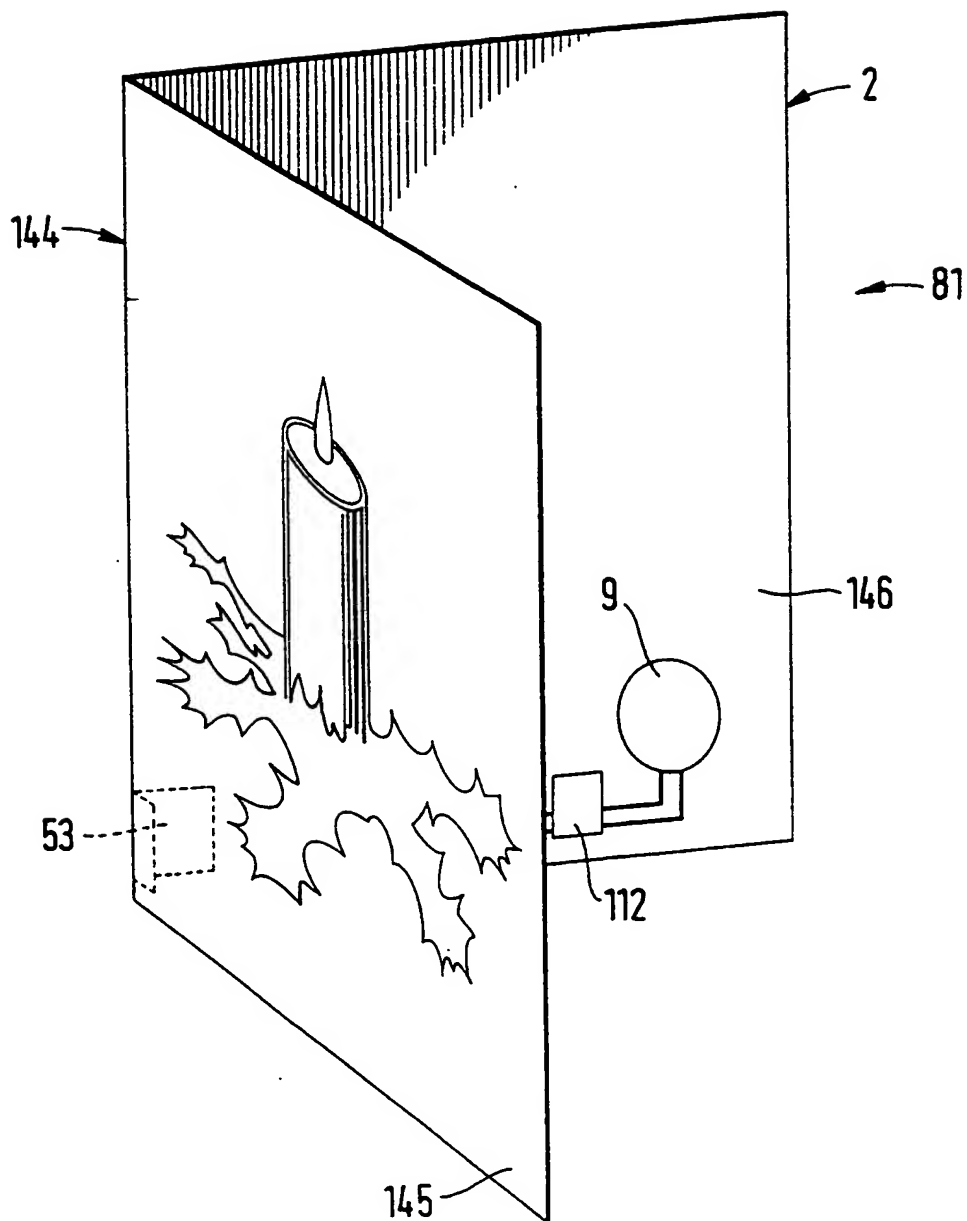


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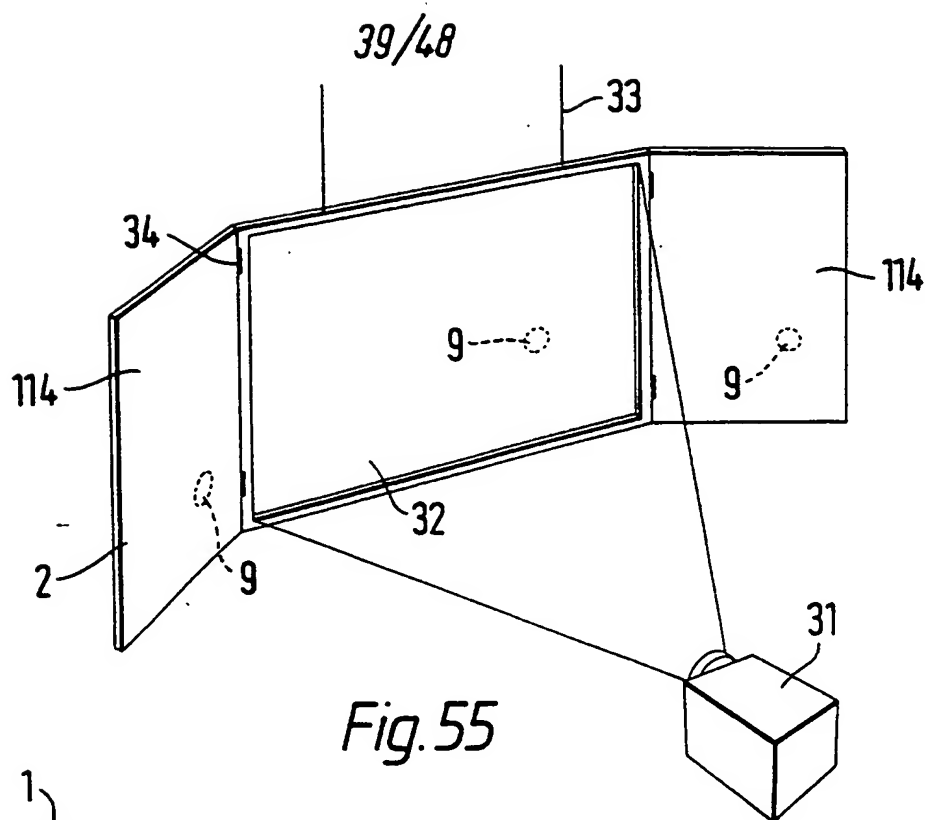


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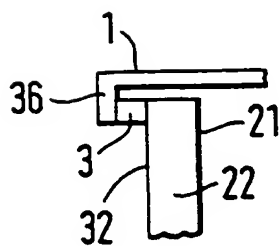


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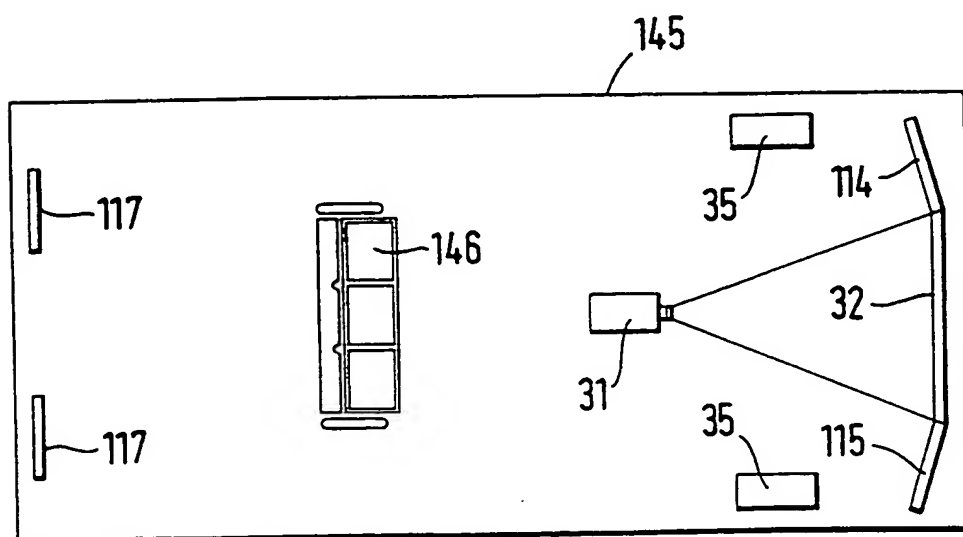


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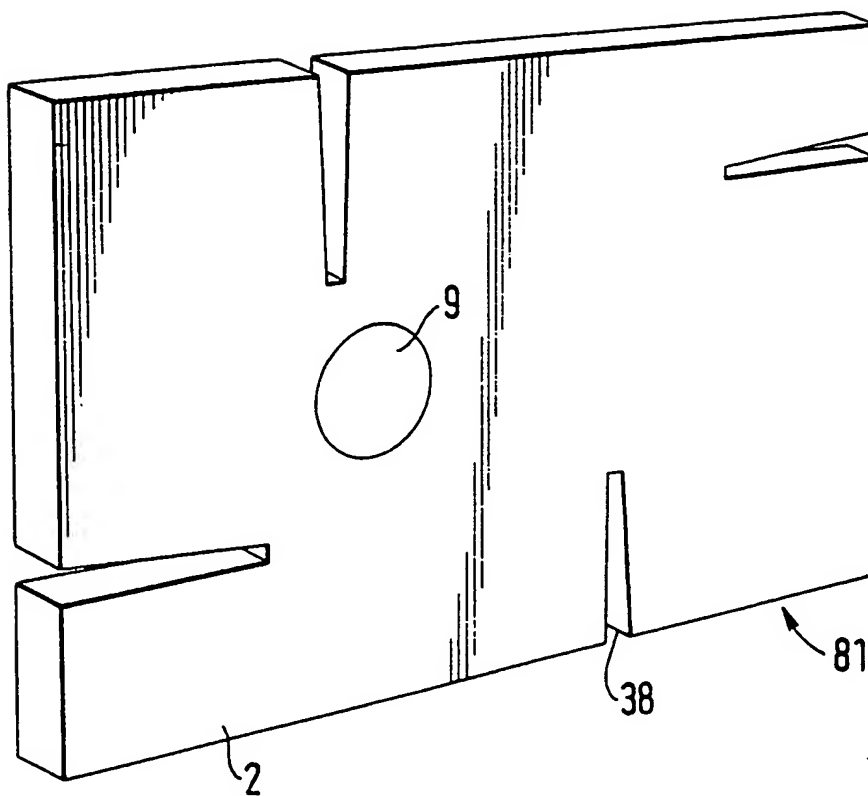


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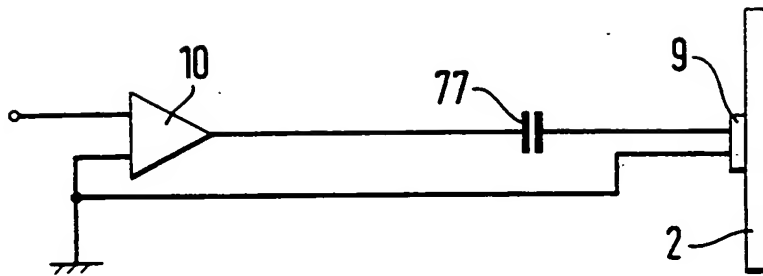


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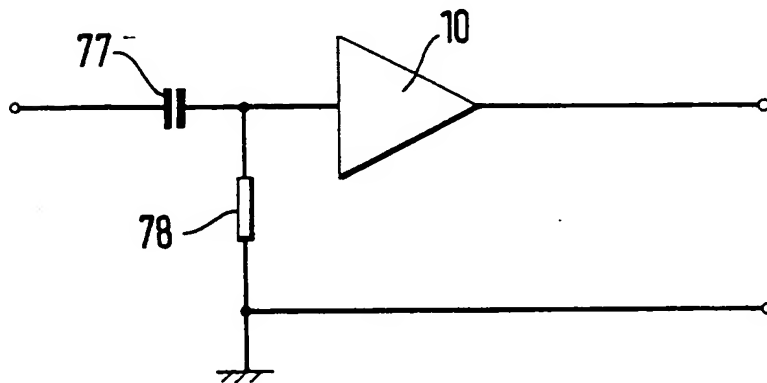


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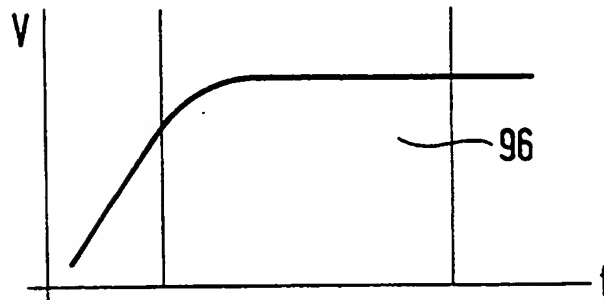


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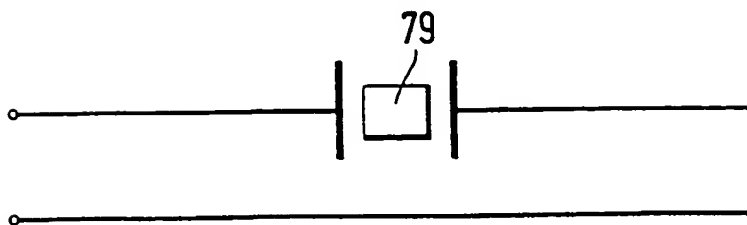


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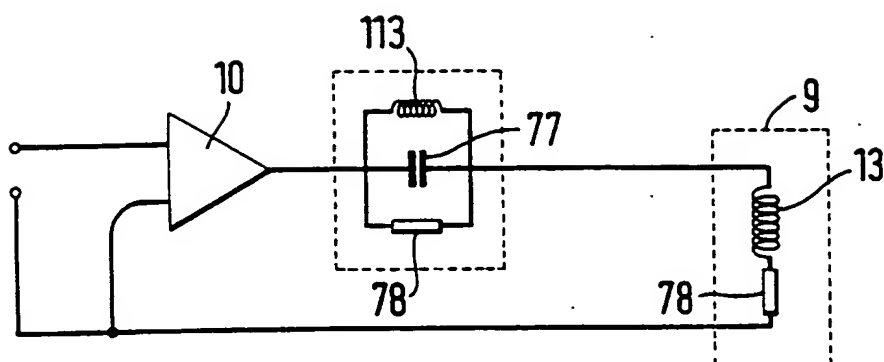


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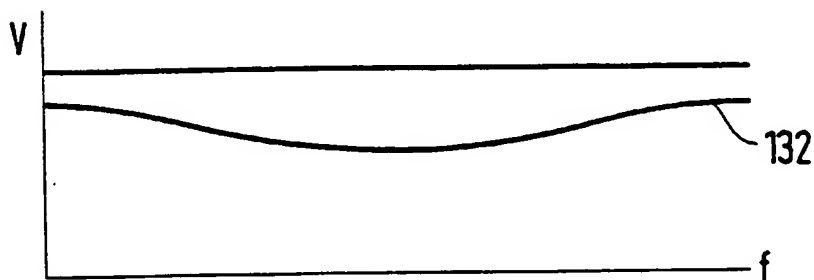


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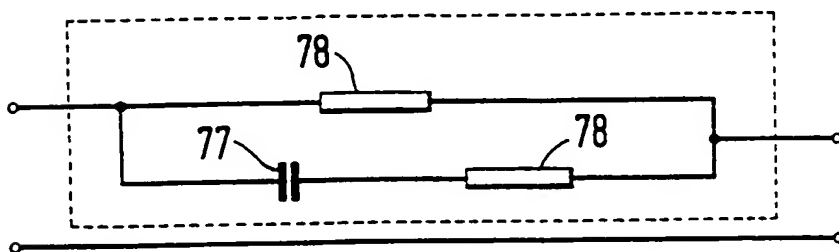


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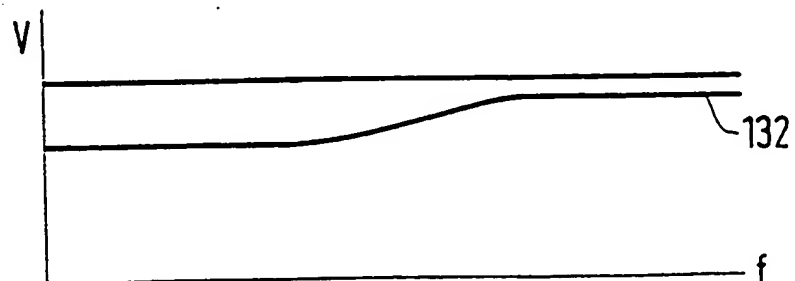


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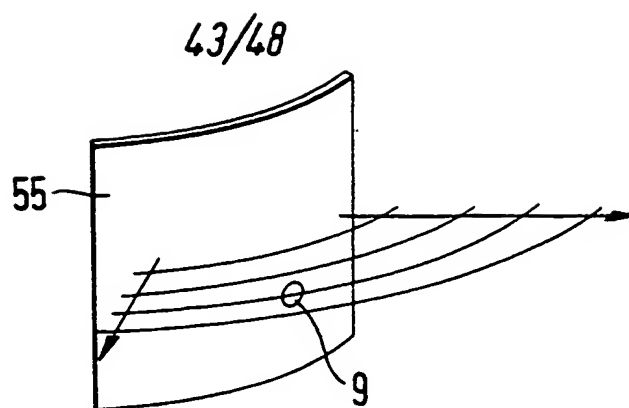


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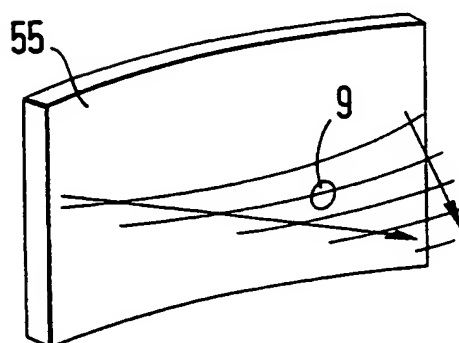


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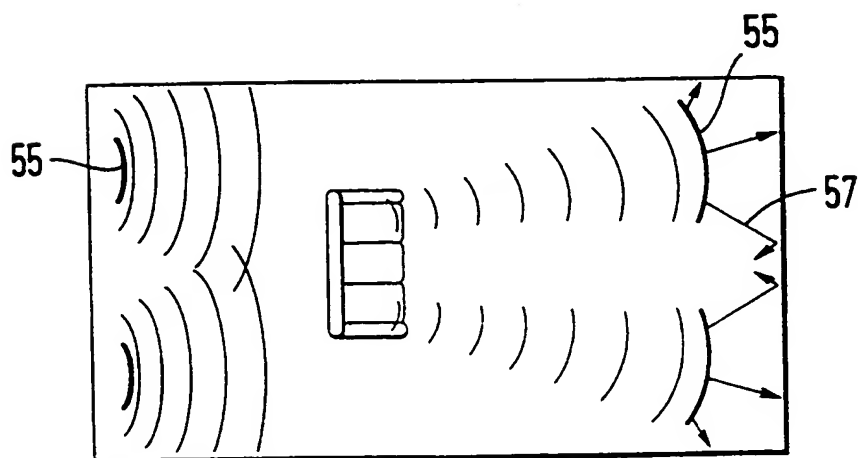


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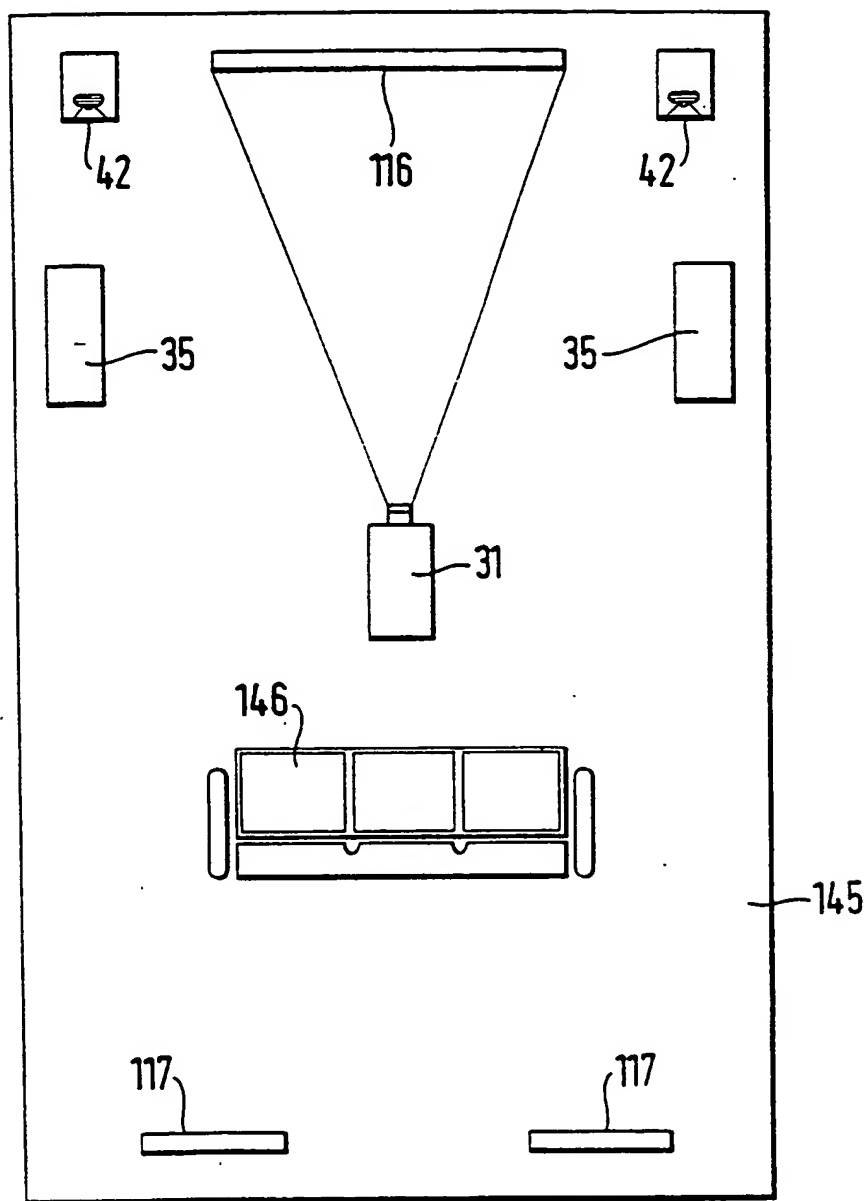


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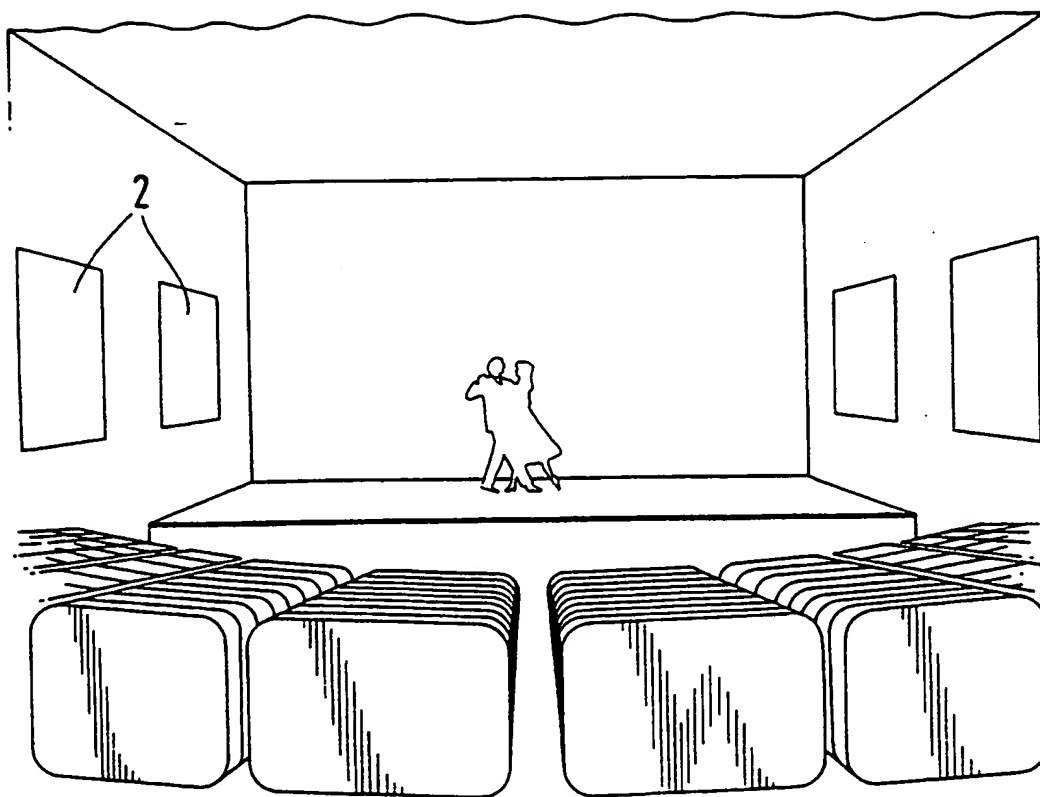


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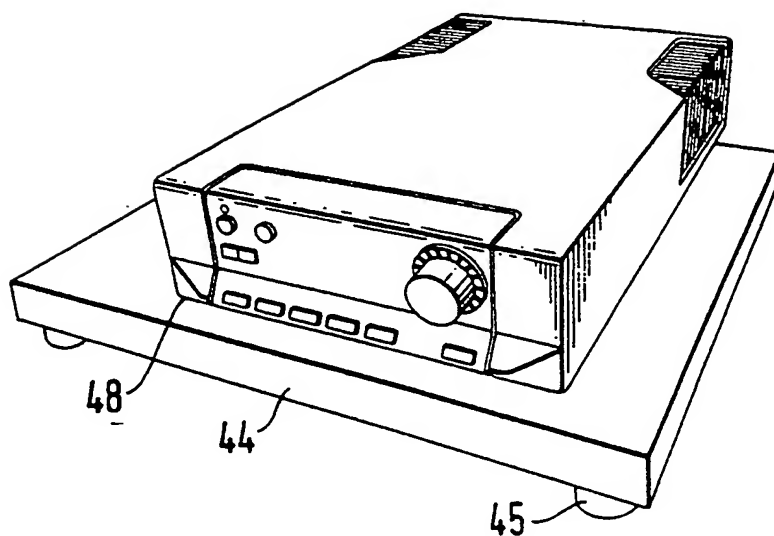


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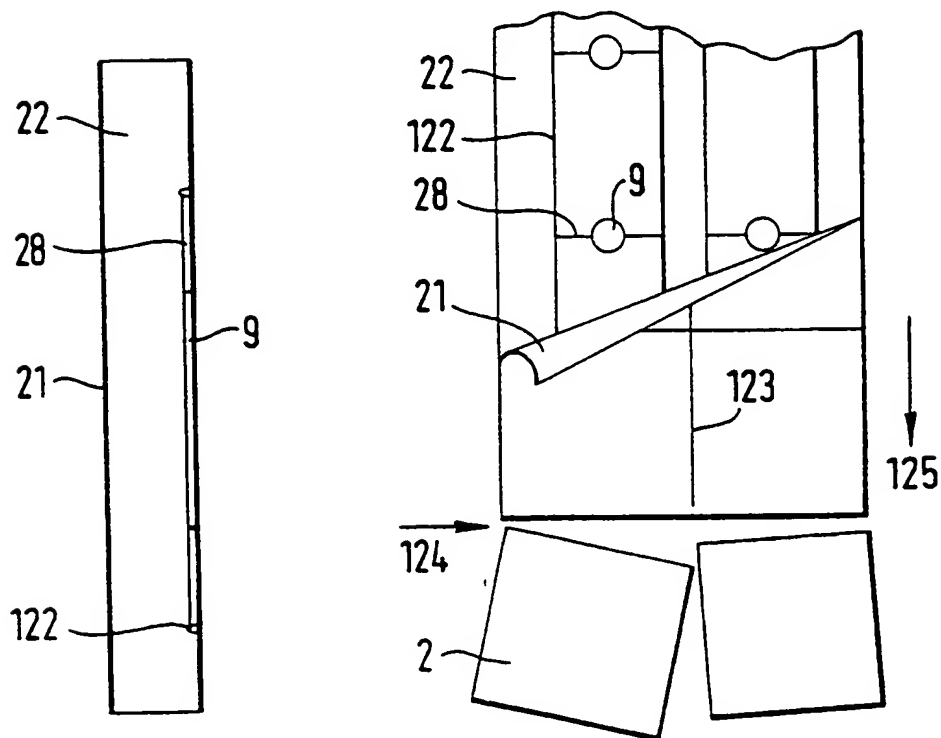


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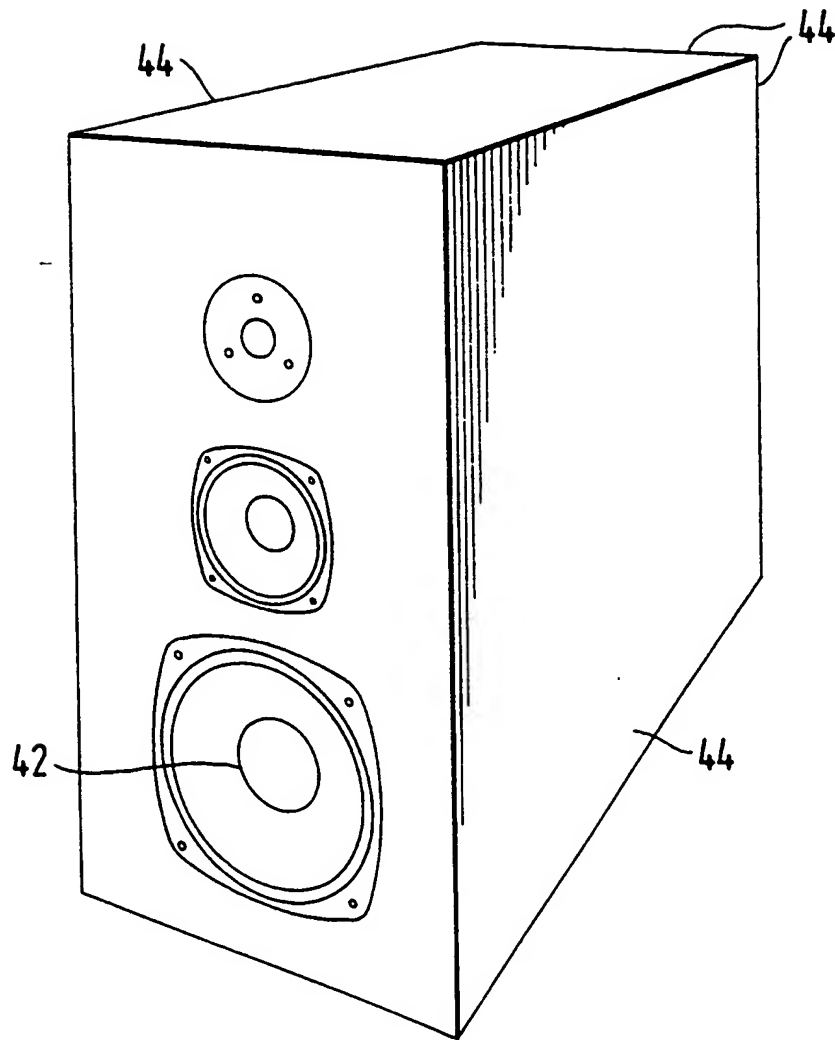


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